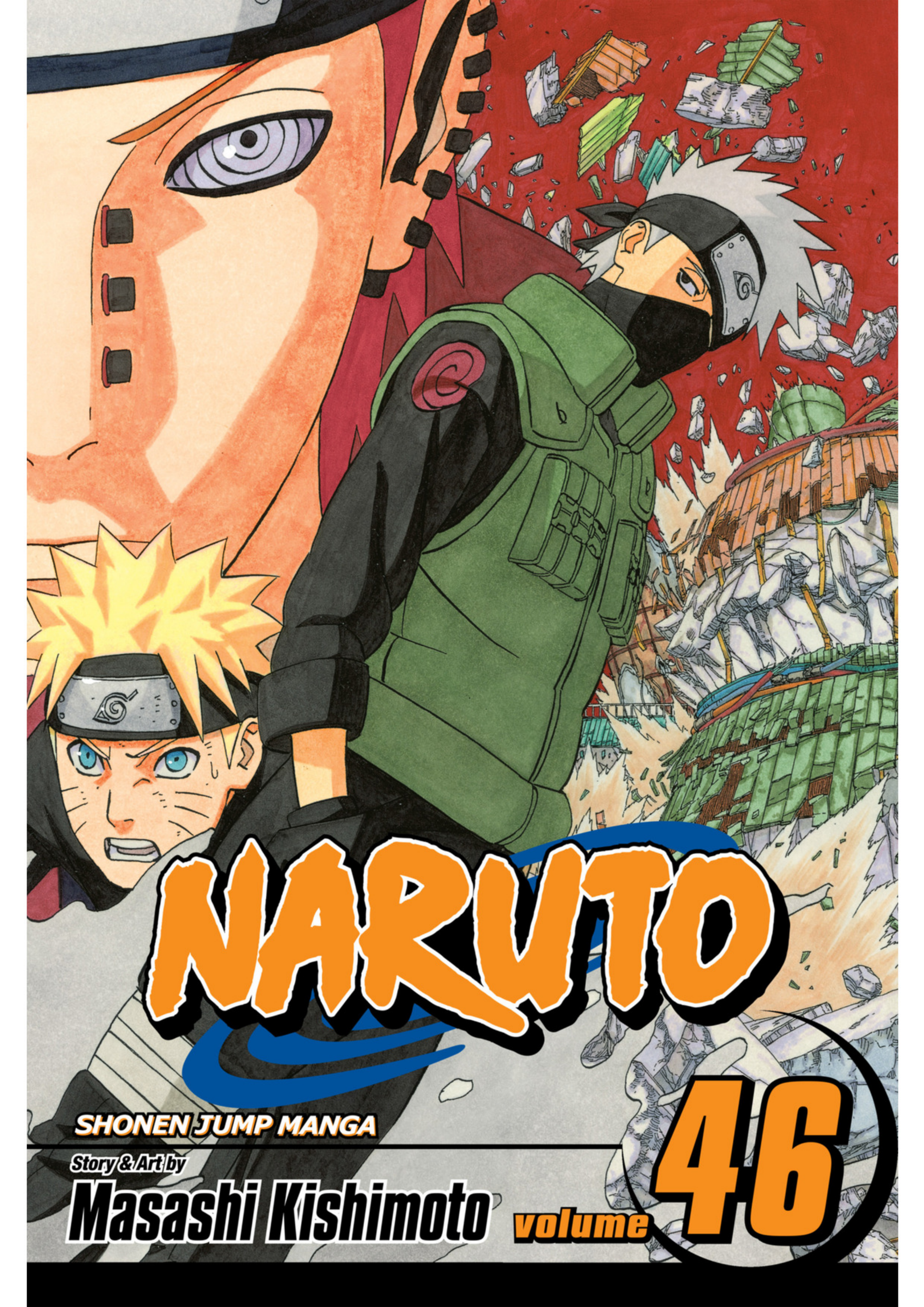

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I'm trying to come up with the author's note for this volume right now, but I have a fever, so nothing's coming to mind... It's been a while since I've been sick. Argh... I can't think of anything...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2009



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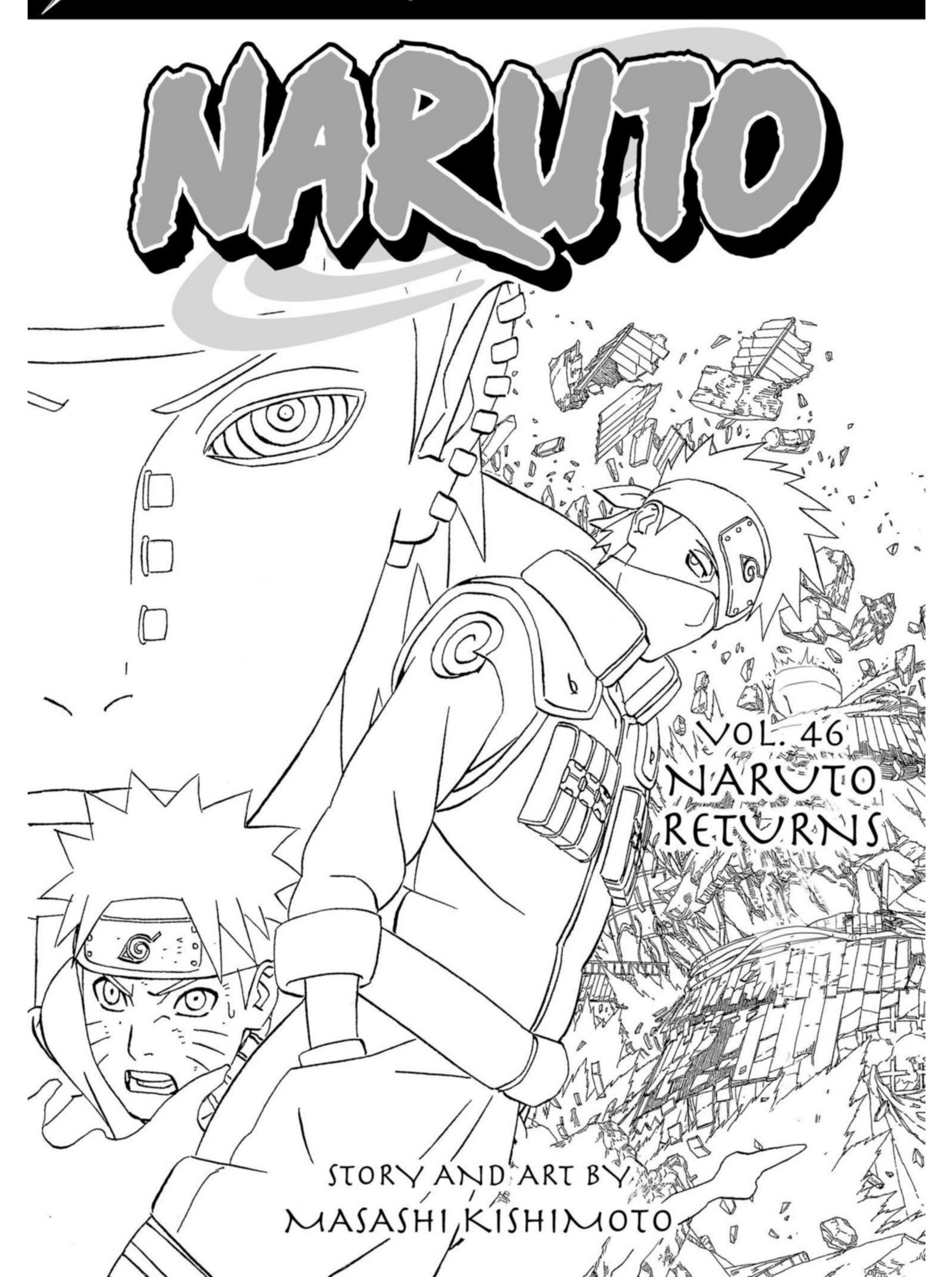
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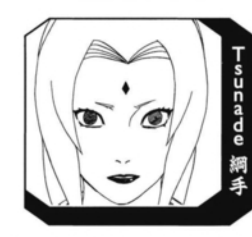


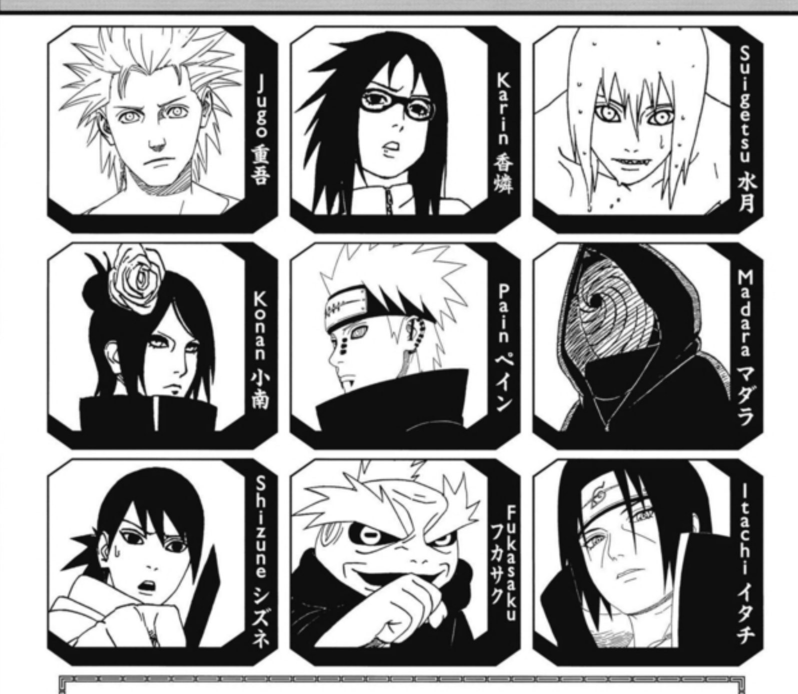












THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and takes everything from him. Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after his brother Itachi. The heroic battle concludes with Sasuke fulfilling his long-cherished goal. But after learning of his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha! Naruto trains in senjutsu with Fukasaku at Mount Myoboku. Meanwhile, Pain finally begins his assault against Konoha in search of Naruto!



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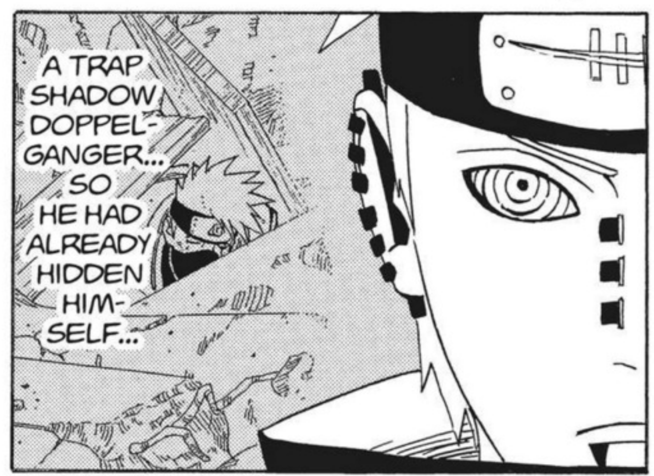
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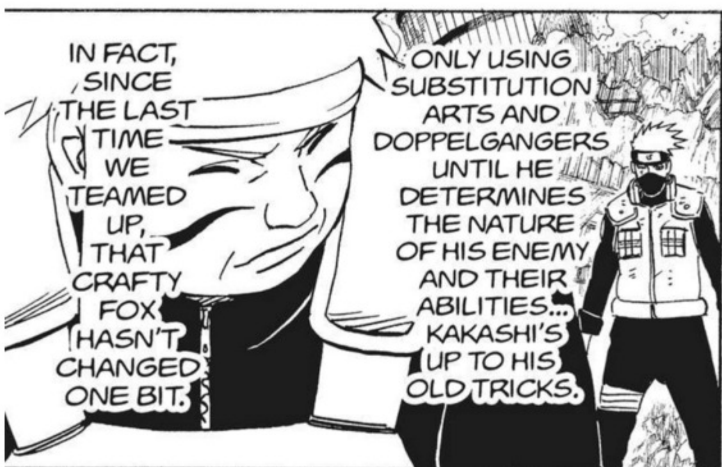
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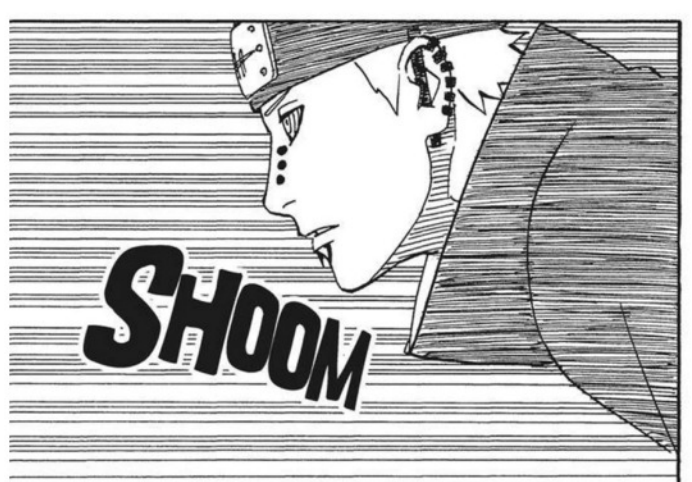













IN-COMING, PA!!
FRRMP
SWISH
FWP
BOOF
DWP
DWP
AL-MIGHTY PUSH!

KABOOM

TOK
TOK
TOK
SHOOP

YAH!
SWSH









KERBLAM

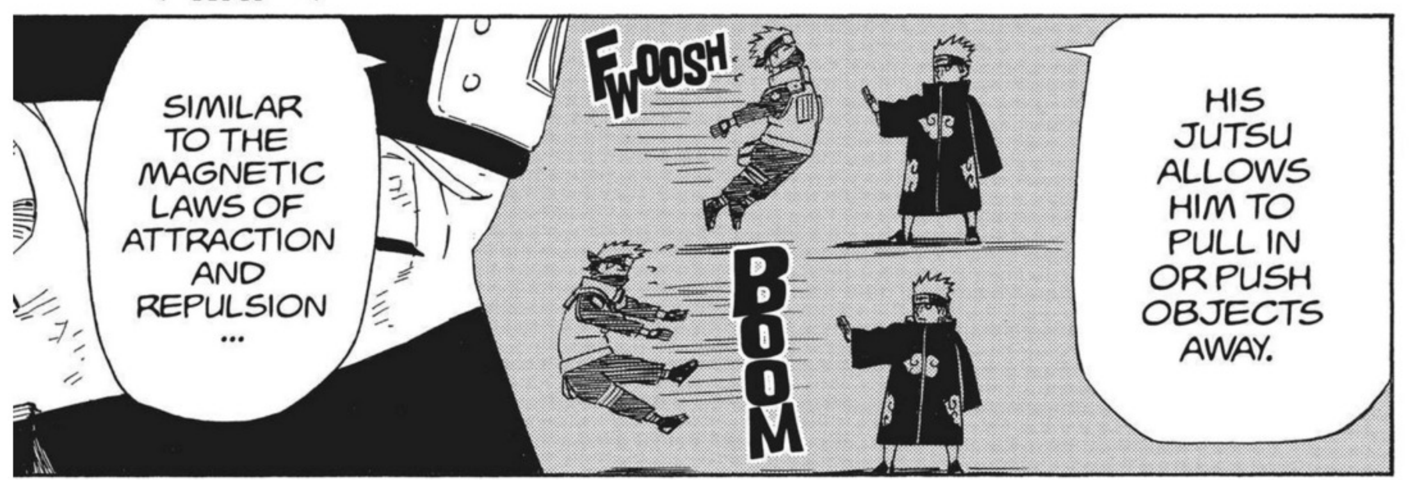
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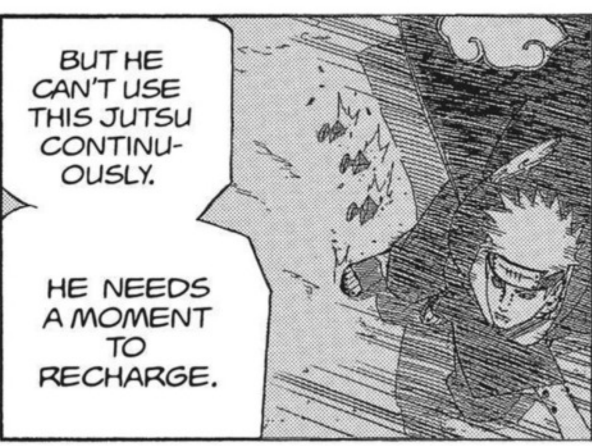
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?

HUF

HUF


READ
THIS
WAY


HIS JUTSU ALLOWS HIM TO PULL IN OR PUSH OBJECTS AWAY.
FWOOSH
BOOM
SIMILAR TO THE MAGNETIC LAWS OF ATTRACTION AND REPULSION ...

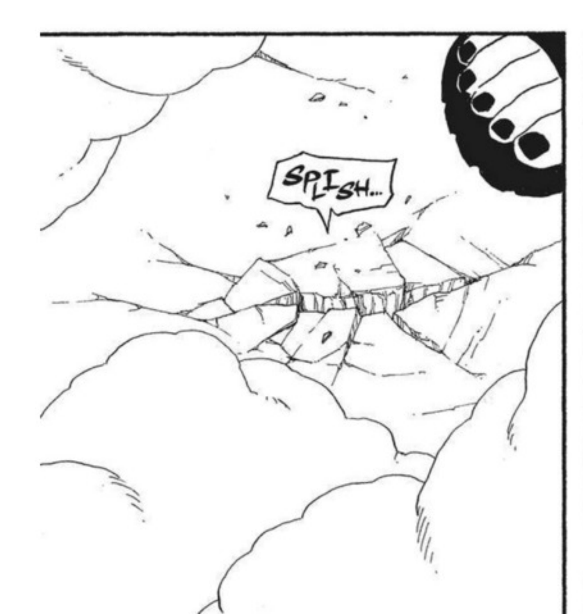

BUT HE CAN'T USE THIS JUTSU CONTINU-OUSLY.
HE NEEDS A MOMENT TO RECHARGE.




EVERYONE ELSE HAS BEEN TAKEN DOWN!
IF HE CAN REPEL ALL ATTACKS, HOW DO WE DEFEAT HIM?
AND IF HIS RECHARG-ING PERIOD IS REALLY BRIEF... WE CAN'T GET IN CLOSE.
HOW-EVER... IF THAT'S OUR ONLY WINDOW ...


I'VE GOT AN IDEA...
PLEASE WORK WITH ME.


...


SPLISH...


POP



BOOM

ARGH!

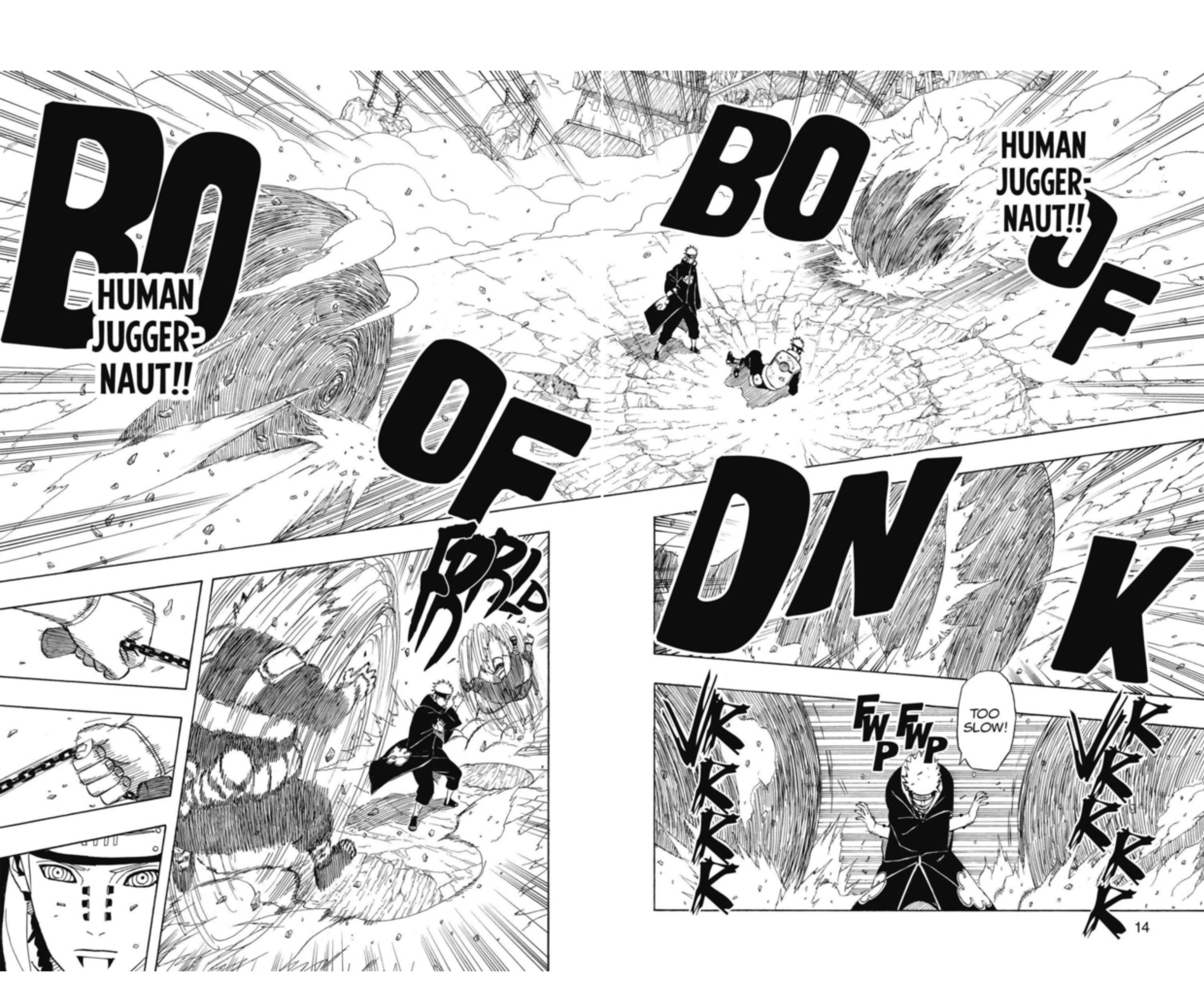
SCREEEEEEECH

NICE MOVEMENTS... AND WIDE RANGE OF JUTSU.

TMP

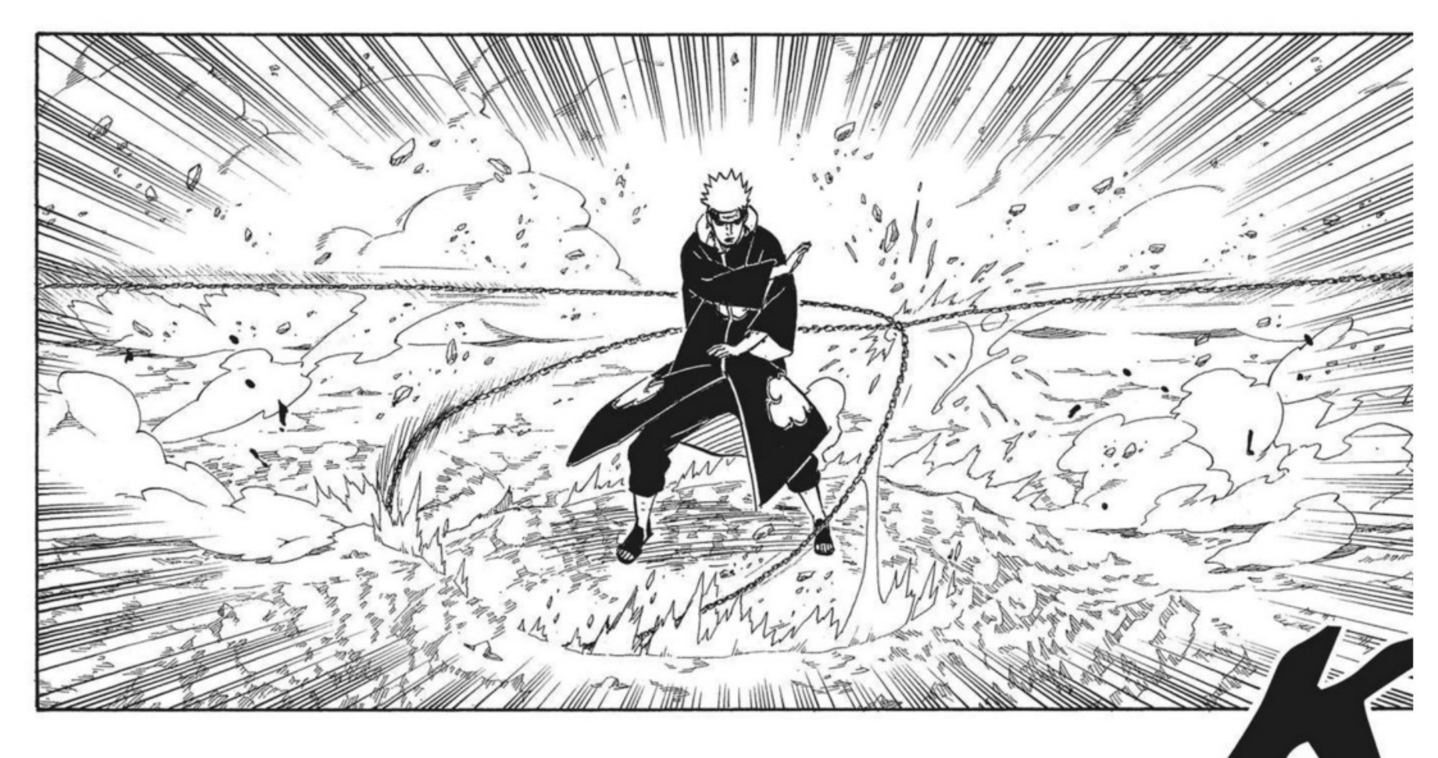
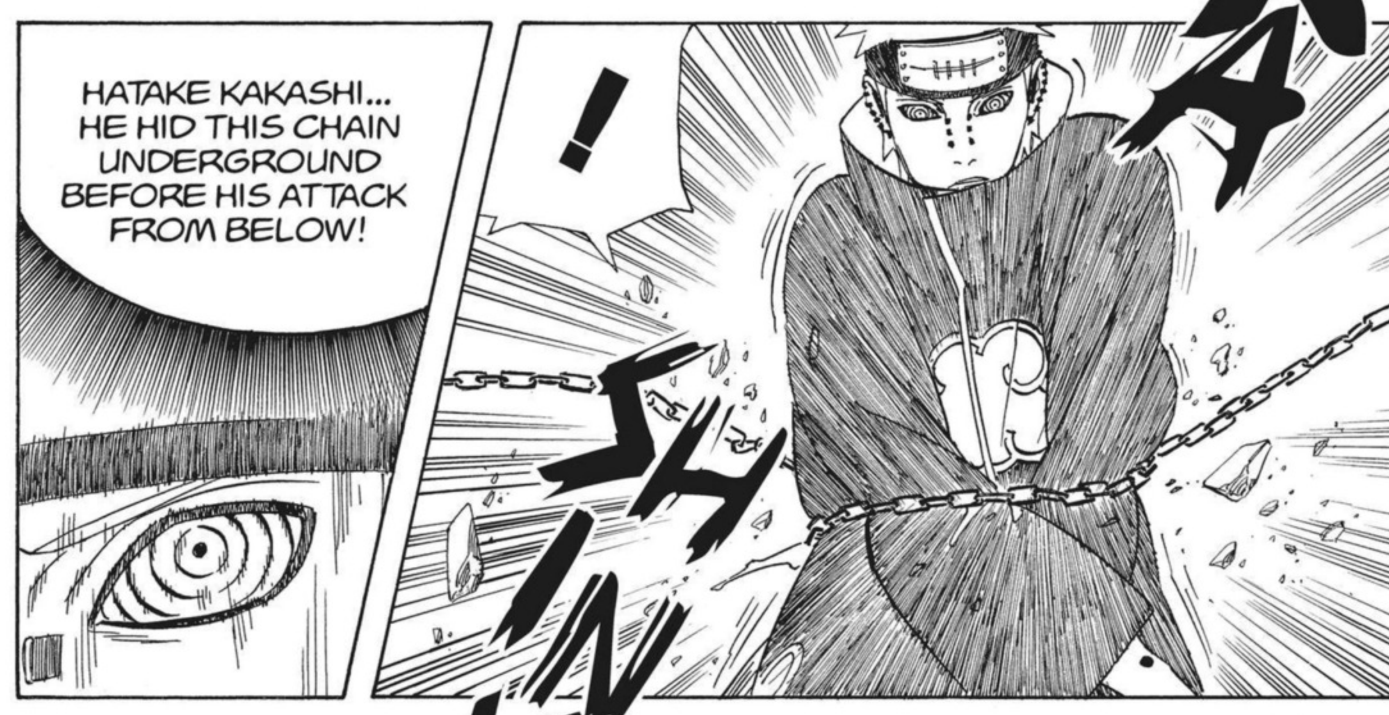
I NEED TO KILL YOU SO YOU WON'T BE A NUISANCE LATER.

NOW!


HUMAN JUGGER-NAUT!!
BOOF
HUMAN JUGGER-NAUT!!
BOOF
FWP FWP
TOO SLOW!



KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK



!
HATAKE KAKASHI... HE HID THIS CHAIN UNDERGROUND BEFORE HIS ATTACK FROM BELOW!


READ
THIS
WAY

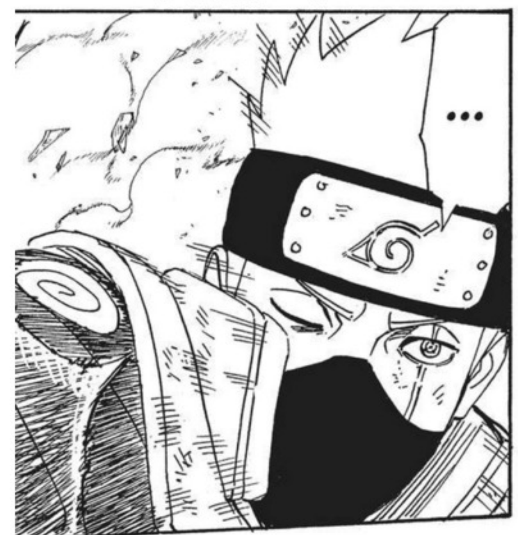
GET HIM, KAKASHI !!


FWOOM



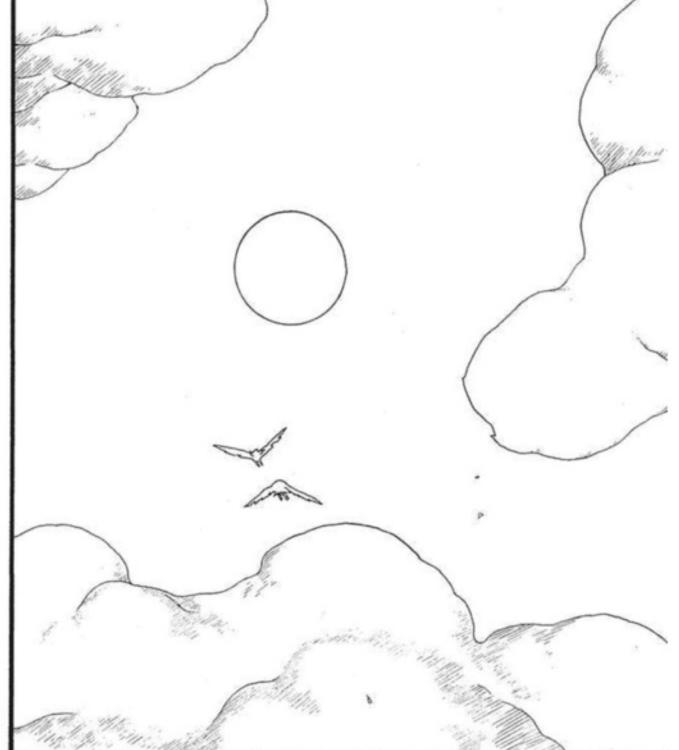






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BE IN TIME!!







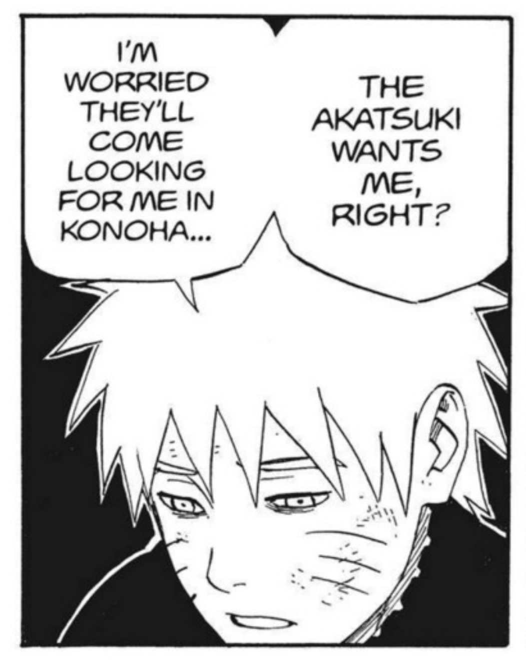
THERE YOU ARE!
TMP
NARUTO-BOY! EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU DISAPPEAR. BUT WHERE DO YOU GO?
SHUUP
NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR... I JUST WANDER AROUND...



WELL, WE'RE GOING TO PRACTICE MERGIN', SO COME ON DOWN!
...I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL RIGHT?



WHO?



THE AKATSUKI WANTS ME, RIGHT?
I'M WORRIED THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR ME IN KONOHA...

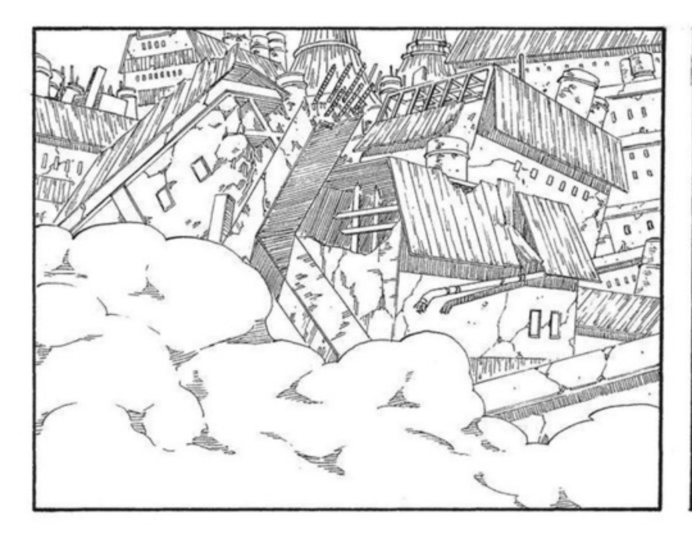

READ THIS WAY


...FOOL!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF DISTIN-GUISHED SHINOBI IN THE VILLAGE OF KONOHA!
YOU NEED TO FOCUS RIGHT NOW, WITHOUT GETTING DIS-TRACTED!
BESIDES, IF SOME-THING WERE TO HAPPEN, THEY'D SEND A MESSENGER FROG TO LET US KNOW!


...


VWEET...


ALL RIGHT!
THEN LET'S TRY THIS MERGING THING!!

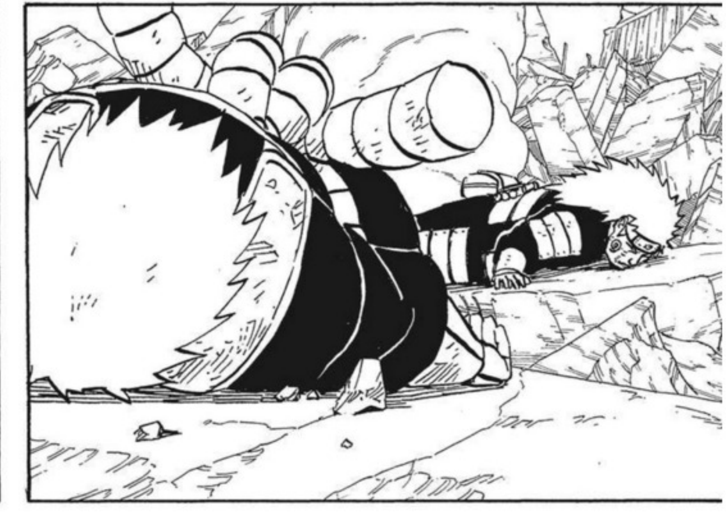





HUF
HUF

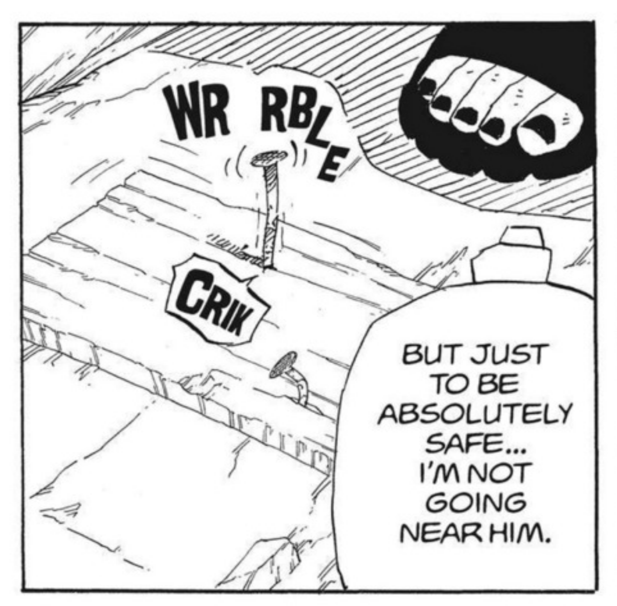
...IT APPEARS YOU'RE NOT PRETENDING. YOU REALLY CAN'T MOVE.

I *WAS* TOO LATE...

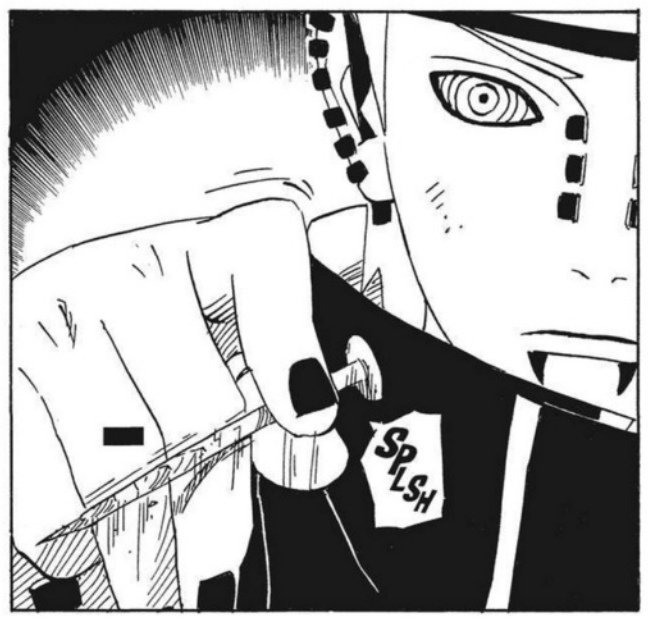


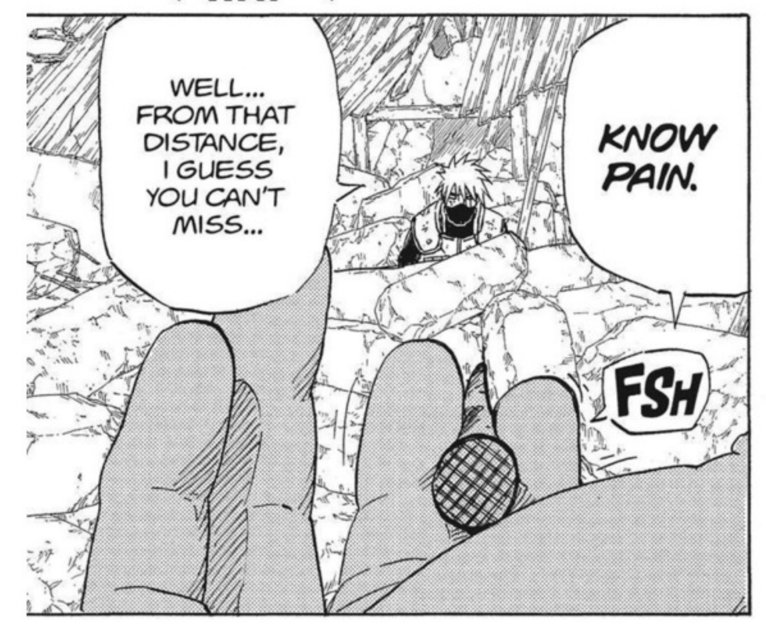







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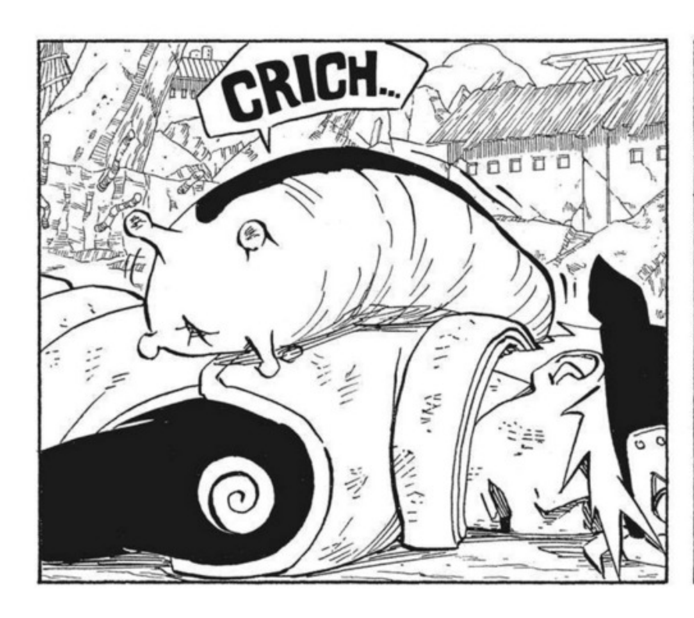
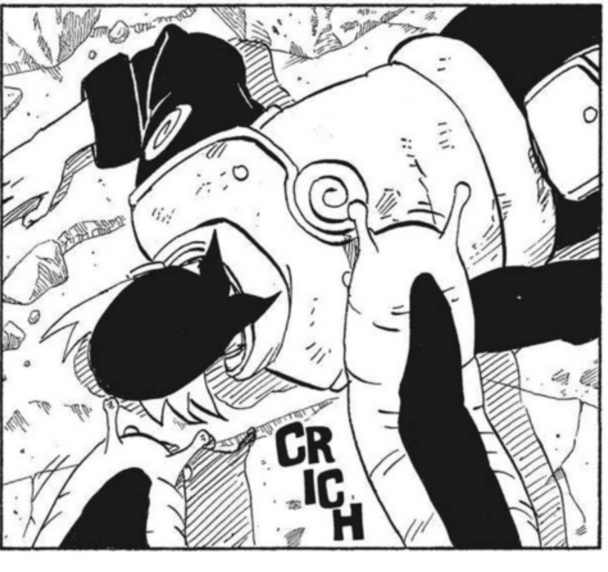

SPLSH

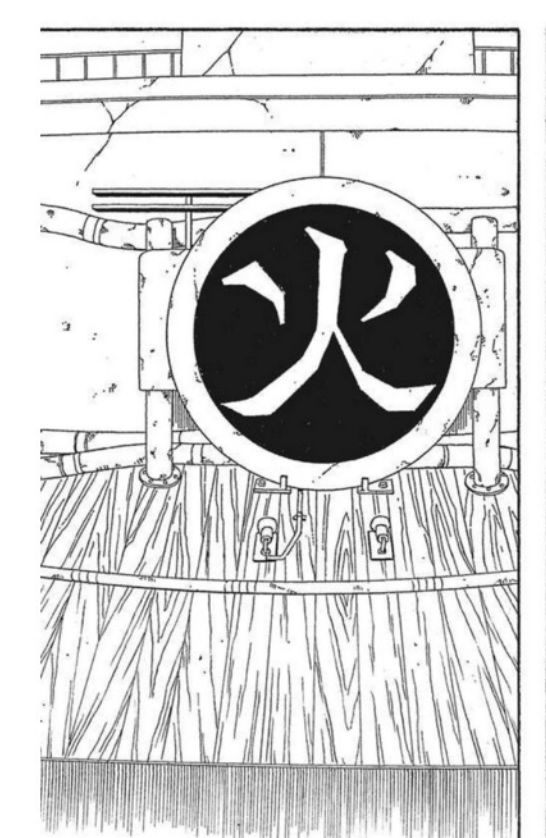

KNOW PAIN.
FSH
WELL... FROM THAT DISTANCE, I GUESS YOU CAN'T MISS...

SWICH...

NNK


VWEET...


CRICH...

CRICH

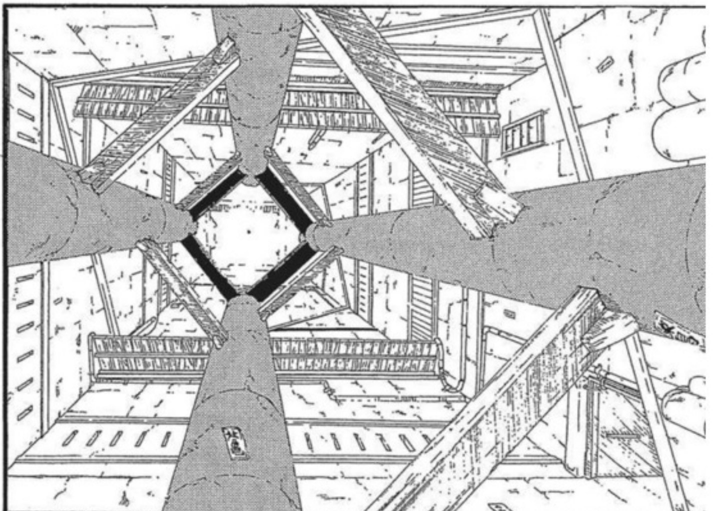
CRICH...
CRICH
CRICH
CR
CRICH
Number 424: Determination!!


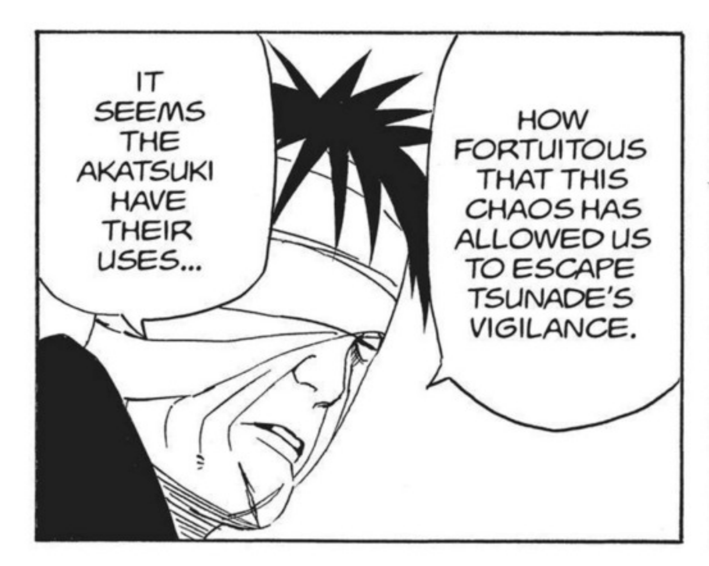
UNH...
PLICH...

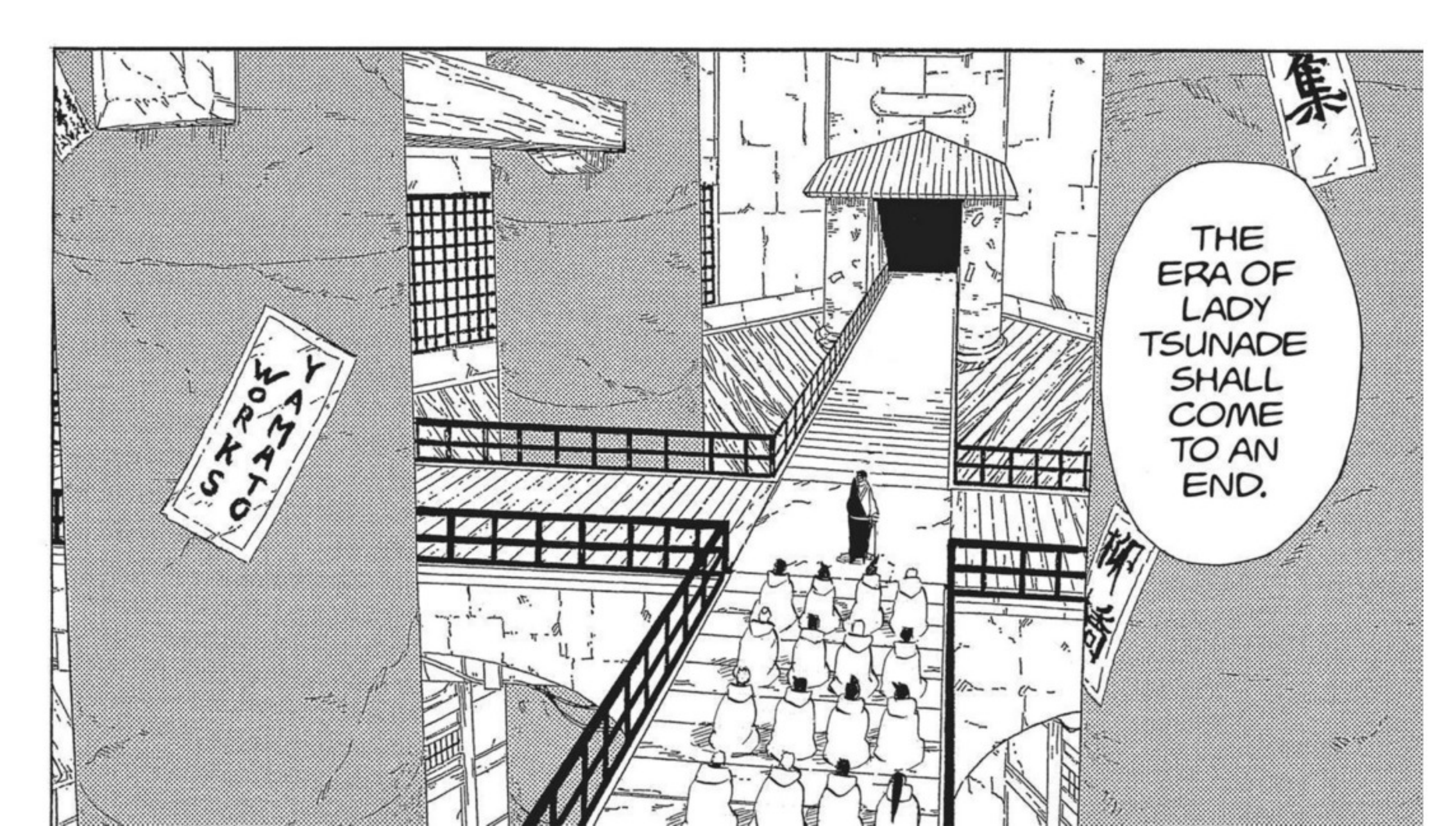
VWOOOOOO
SPLICH...


SHWOOOO

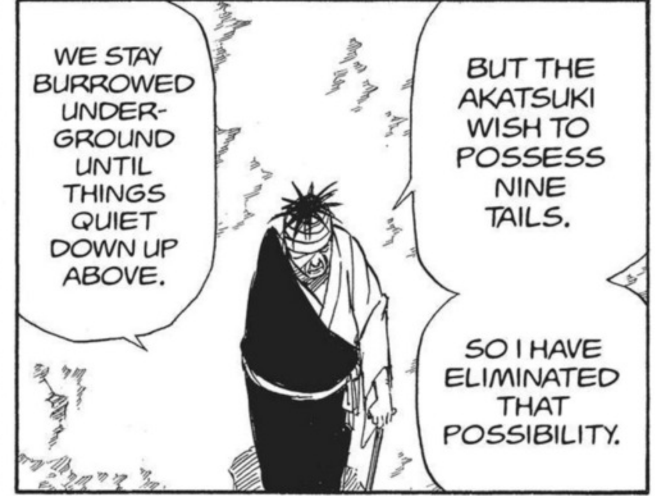

SO MUCH DAMAGE, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...



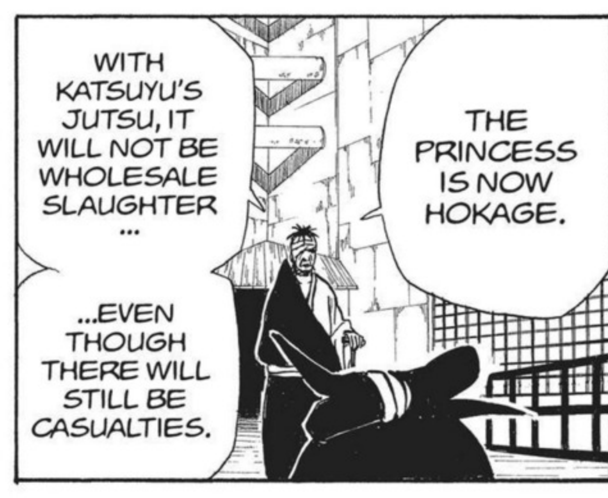

HOW FORTUITOUS THAT THIS CHAOS HAS ALLOWED US TO ESCAPE TSUNADE'S VIGILANCE.
IT SEEMS THE AKATSUKI HAVE THEIR USES...


THE ERA OF LADY TSUNADE SHALL COME TO AN END.
YAMATO WORKS


READ THIS WAY

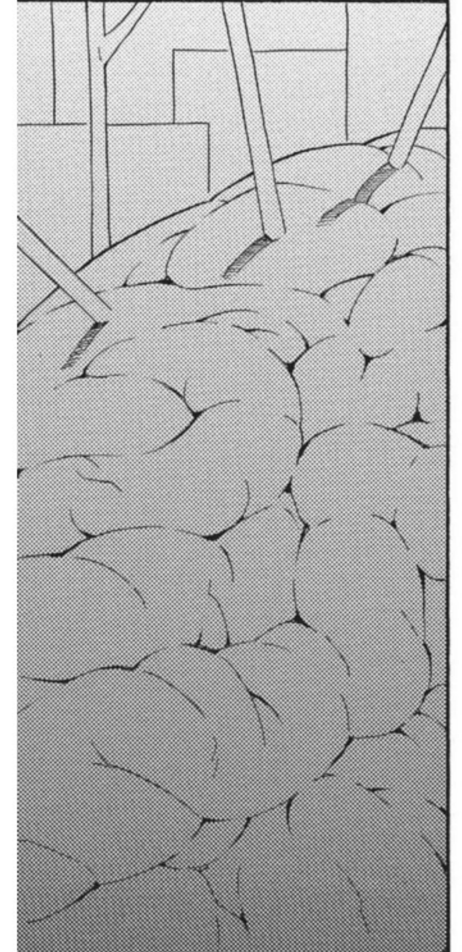

BUT THE AKATSUKI WISH TO POSSESS NINE TAILS.
SO I HAVE ELIMINATED THAT POSSIBILITY.
WE STAY BURROWED UNDER-GROUND UNTIL THINGS QUIET DOWN UP ABOVE.

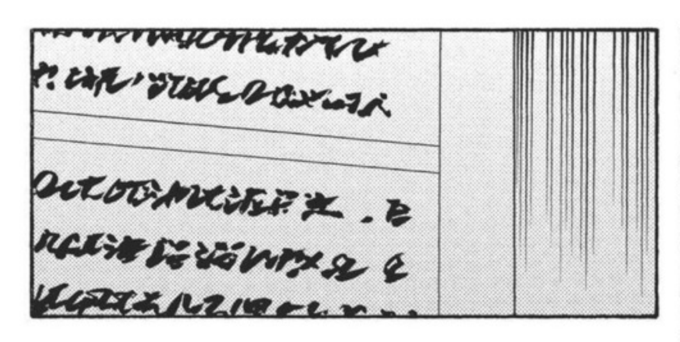

SHOULD WE NOT PROVIDE SUPPORT?
FOR IF KONOHA AND ITS CITIZENS WERE TO BE ERADICATED ...
...THERE WOULD BE NO POINT TO YOUR ASCENSION.

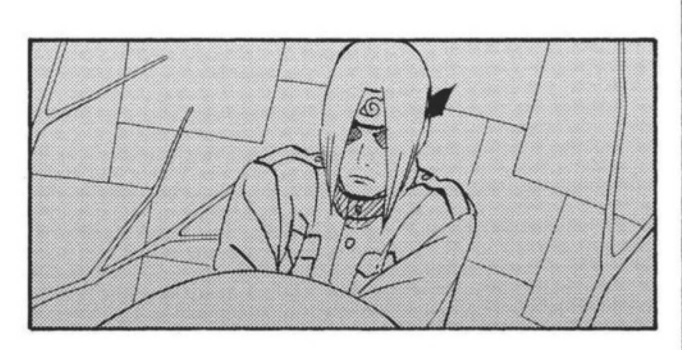

THE PRINCESS IS NOW HOKAGE.
WITH KATSUYU'S JUTSU, IT WILL NOT BE WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER ...
...EVEN THOUGH THERE WILL STILL BE CASUALTIES.

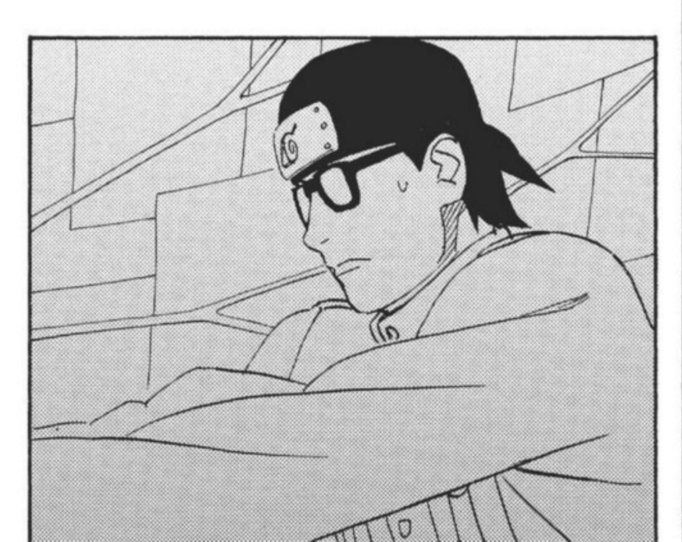

AND THOSE ARE NECESSARY SACRIFICES ...

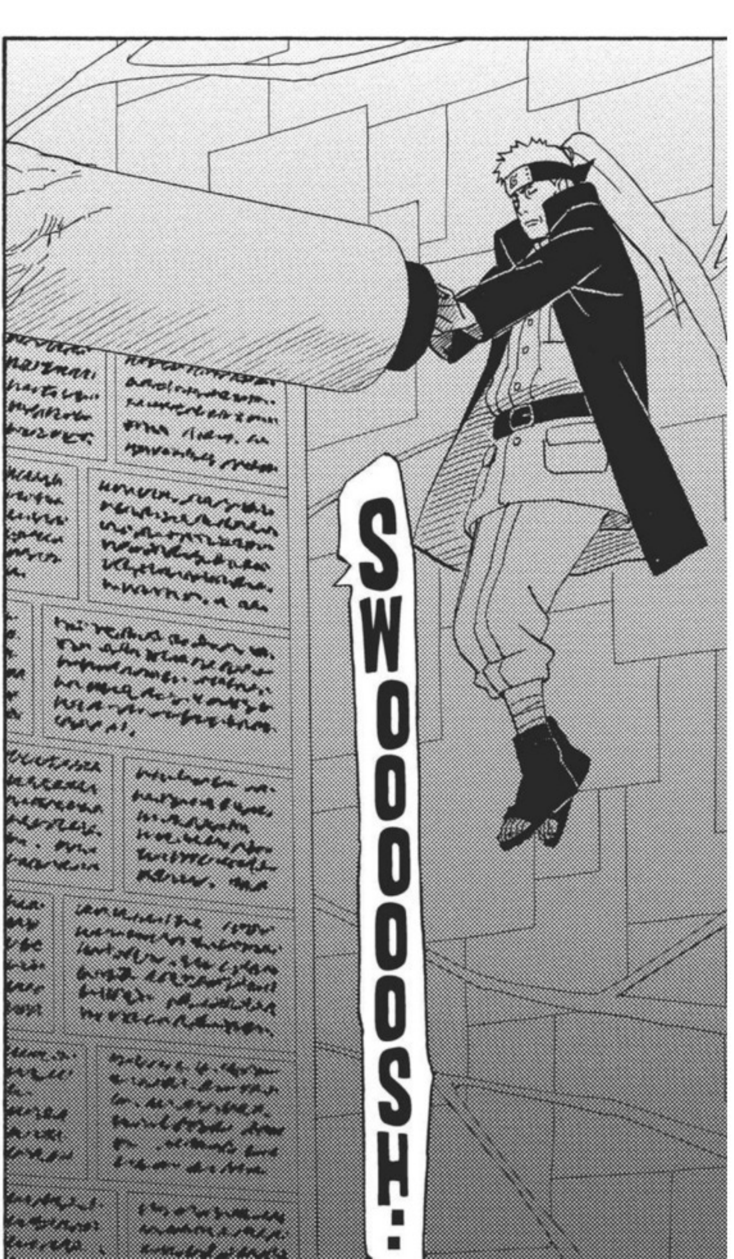

...FOR ME TO BECOME HOKAGE.





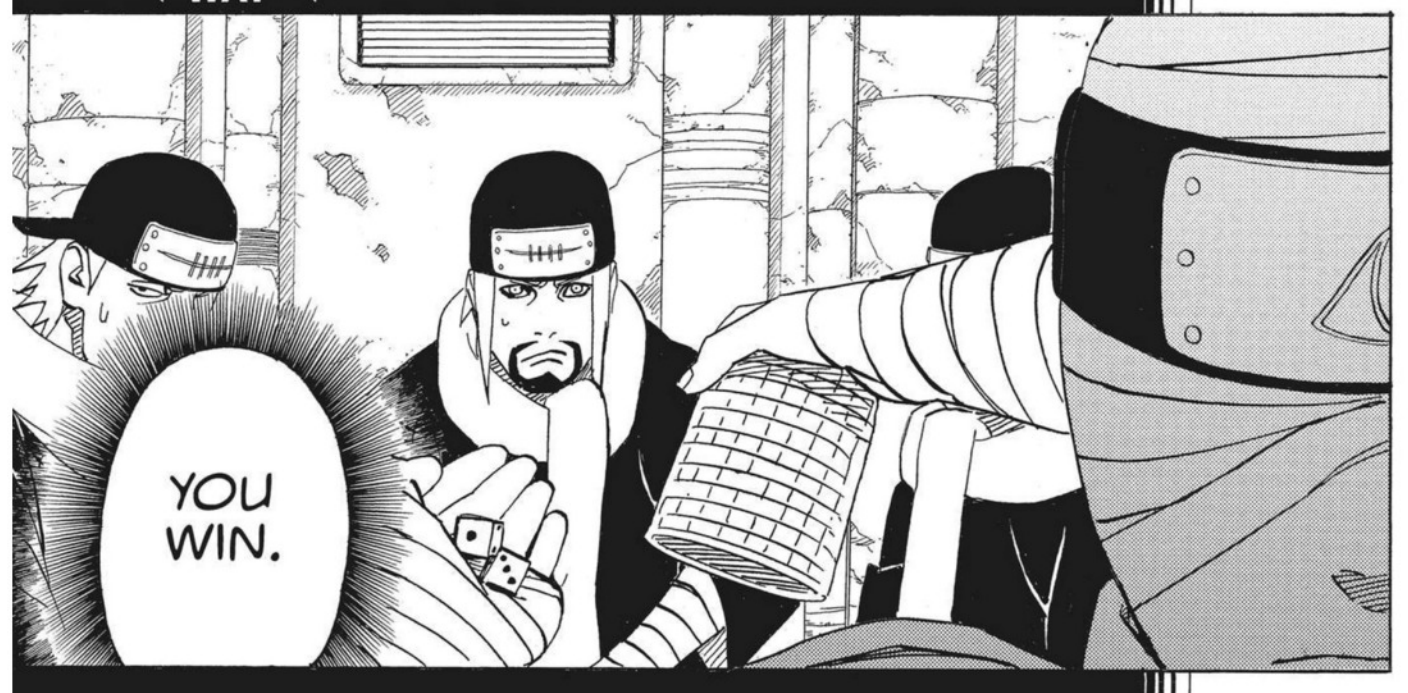


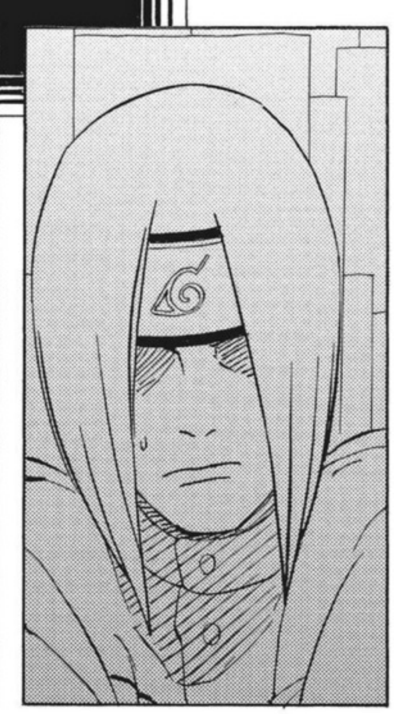




SWOOOOOOSH!!


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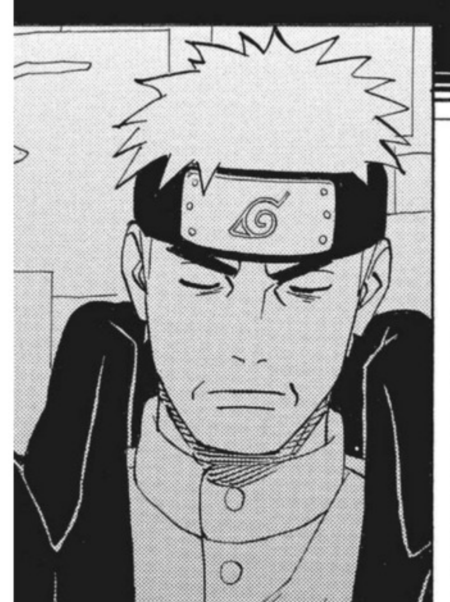

YOU WIN.




THE DRINK YOU HAVE AFTER A MISSION IS ALWAYS THE BEST.


IT'S NO GOOD... ANYTHING, TONBO?


NOT YET... OR AT LEAST, NO CLUES RELATING TO PAIN.



立ち入り禁止

(NO TRESPASSING)





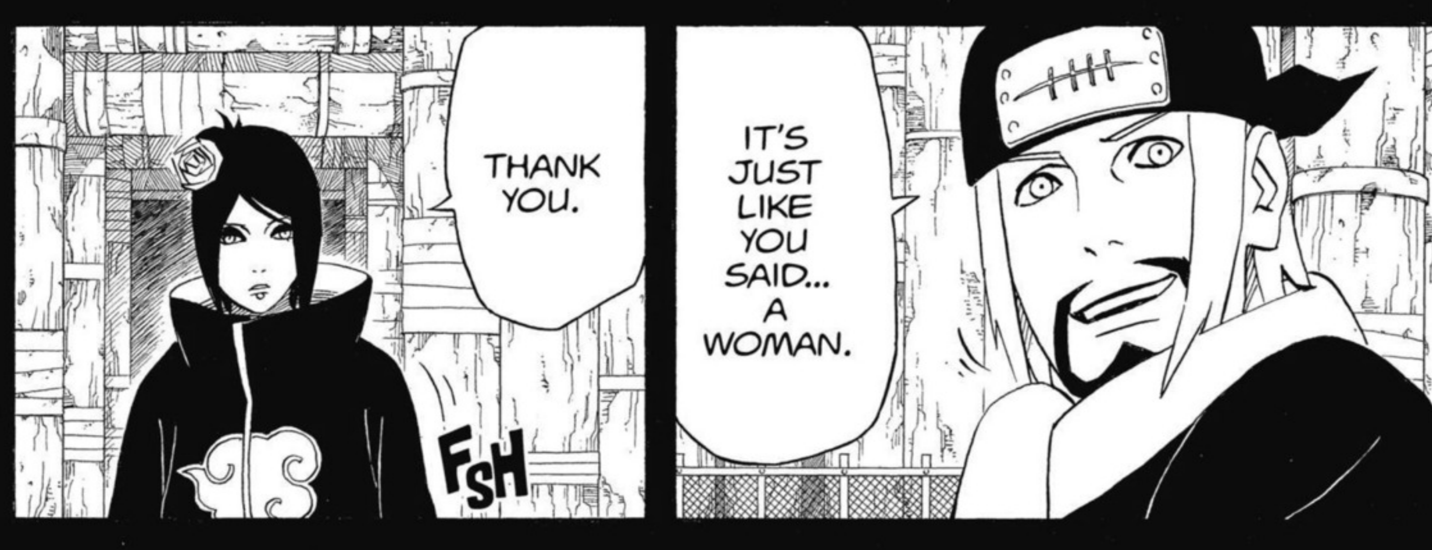






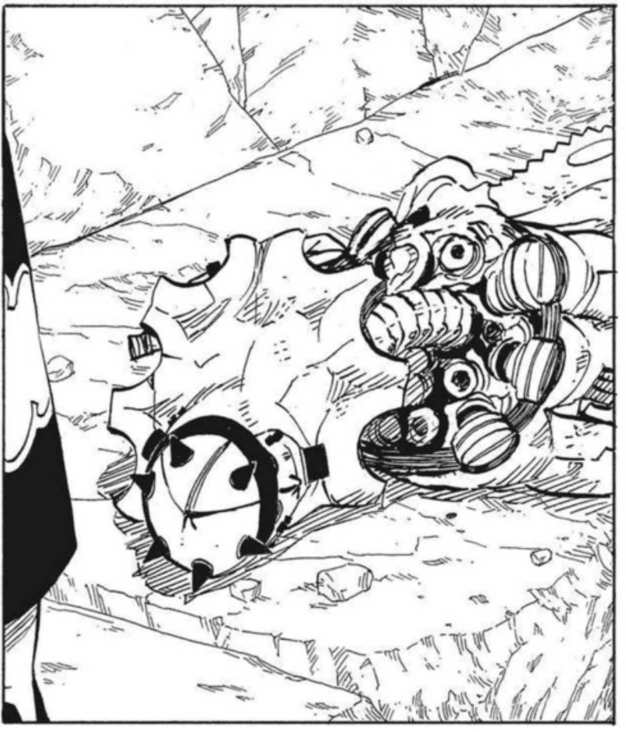

READ THIS WAY
TOWERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PLACES FOR ENSHRINING REMAINS IN THIS VILLAGE.
THEY'RE STRUCTURES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY RAISED FOR ETERNAL REPOSE, TO PAY RESPECTS TO THE DEAD.
SO WHY ARE EVEN FAMILY MEMBERS NOW PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THEM?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
SHUP
SHUP
HEH HEH...
...WHAT? STOP PUTTING ON AIRS.
SHUP
ACTUALLY... IT'S RUMORED THAT LORD PAIN LIVES THERE.
REALLY?
...BUT THERE'S NO WAY.
THUD
IT'S JUST A R-U-M-O-R ...RUMOR, NOTHING MORE.
C'MON, LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

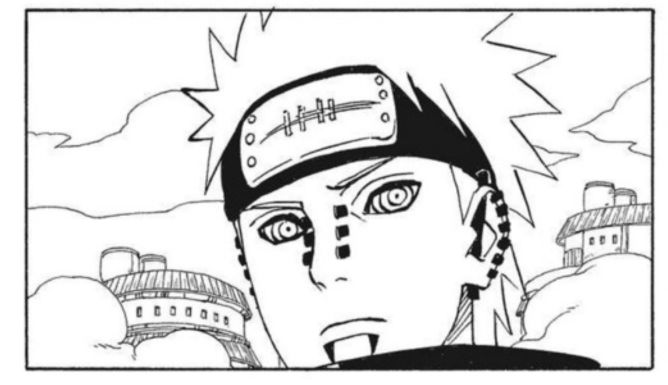
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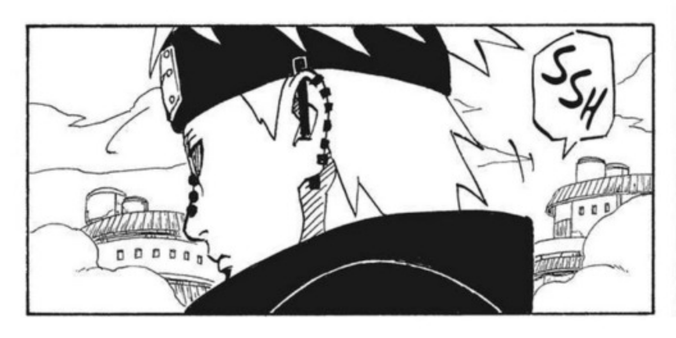

IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID... A WOMAN.
THANK YOU.
FSH


FSH
OH... LADY ANGEL ...
NOW QUICKLY GO BRING THE NEXT ONE.

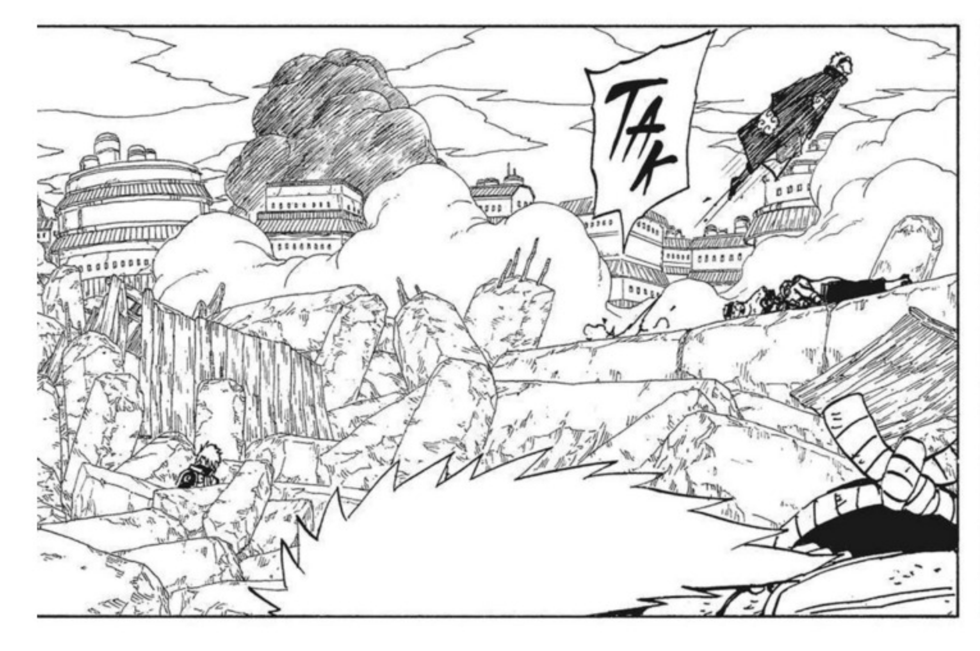

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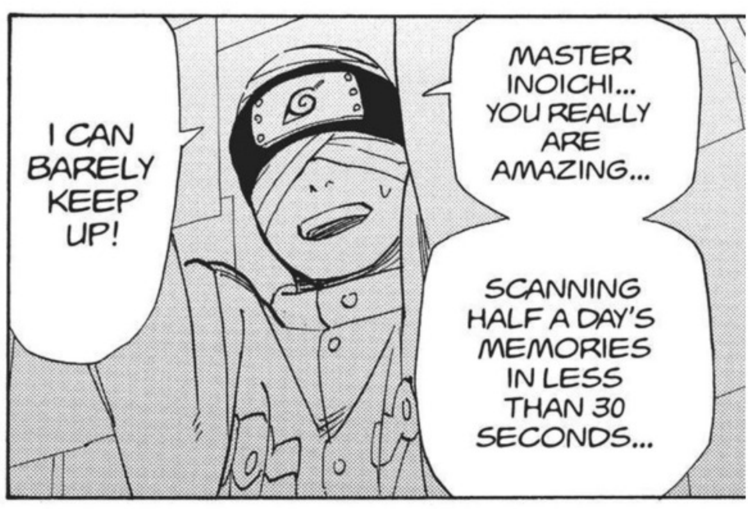

PA...!!
MASTER
...
KAKASHI
...!!


TAK



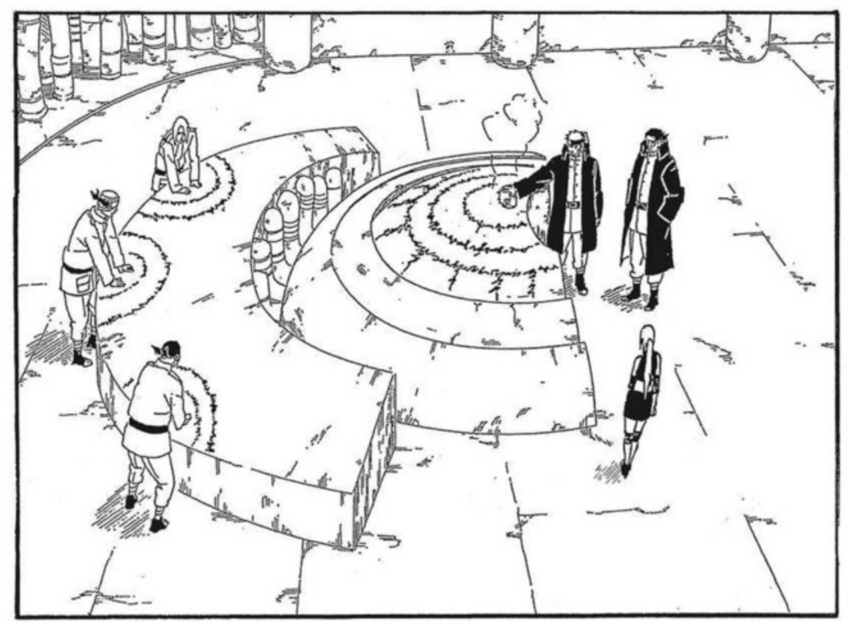
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FRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRL

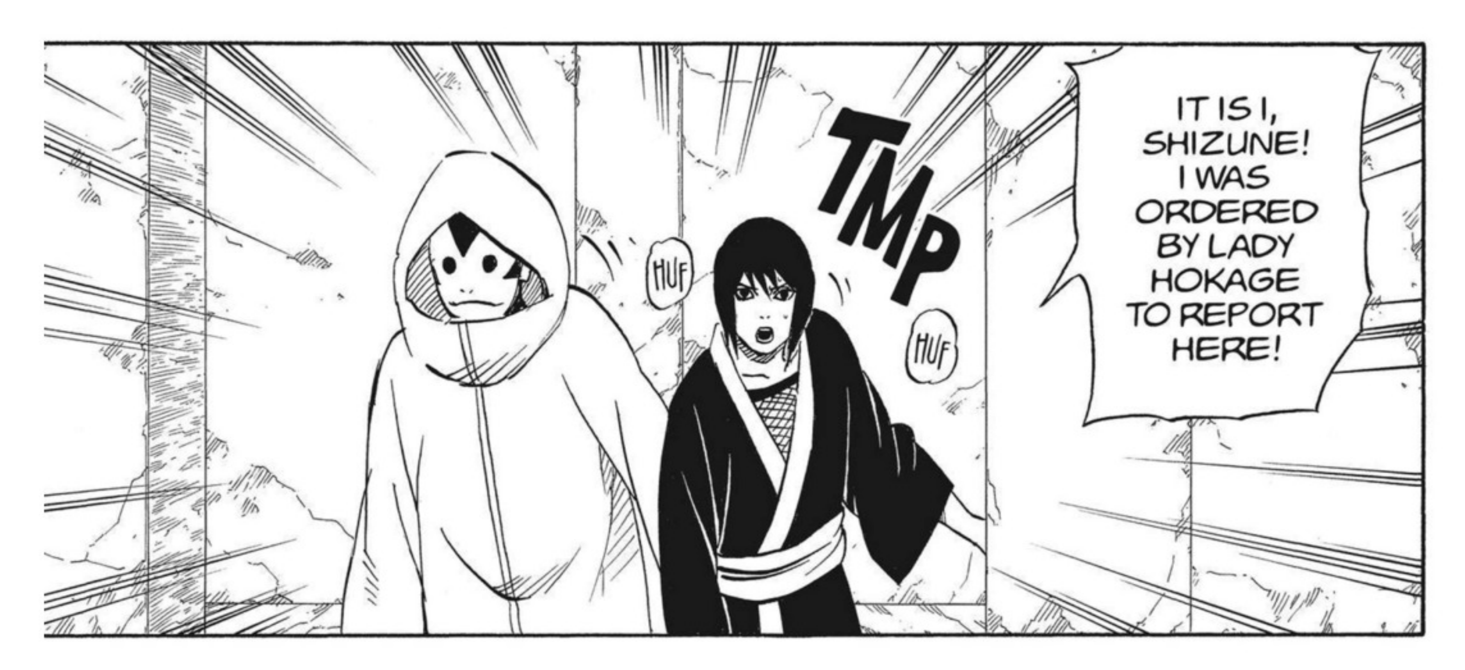




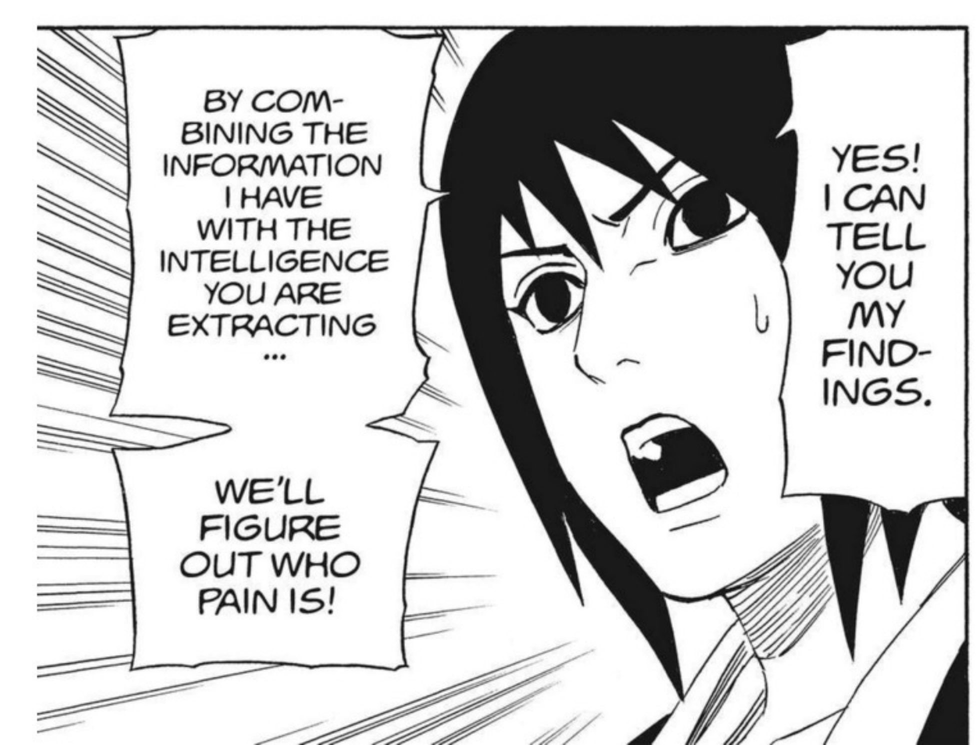

READ
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WAY




SORRY FOR INTER-RUPTING!
!


IT IS I, SHIZUNE! I WAS ORDERED BY LADY HOKAGE TO REPORT HERE!
TMP
HUF
HUF

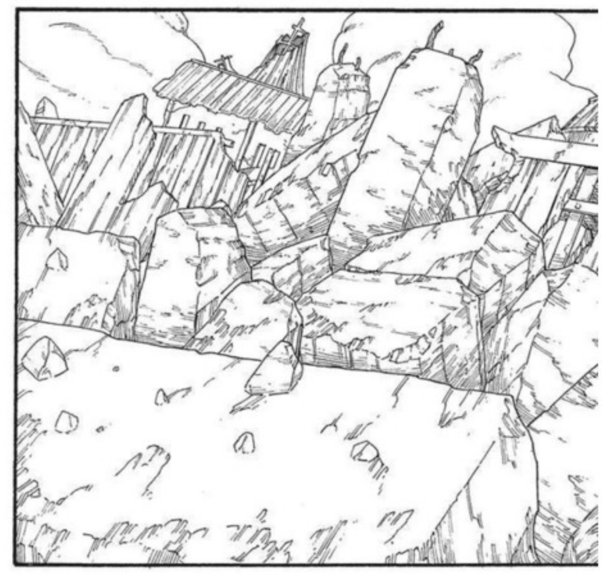

DID YOU DISCOVER SOME-THING?


YES! I CAN TELL YOU MY FIND-INGS.
BY COM-BINING THE INFORMATION I HAVE WITH THE INTELLIGENCE YOU ARE EXTRACTING ...
WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO PAIN IS!

(PRISON)

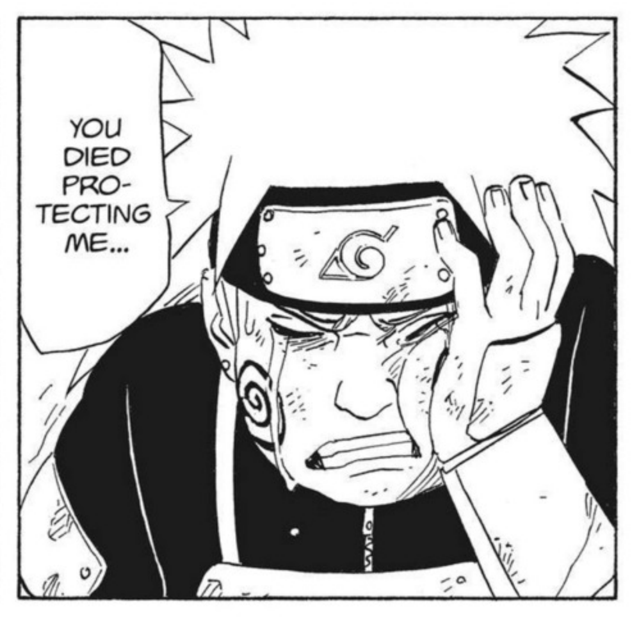
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IF YOU... CAN STILL MOVE... YOU'VE GOT TO REPORT PAIN'S ABILITIES... TO LADY TSUNADE...

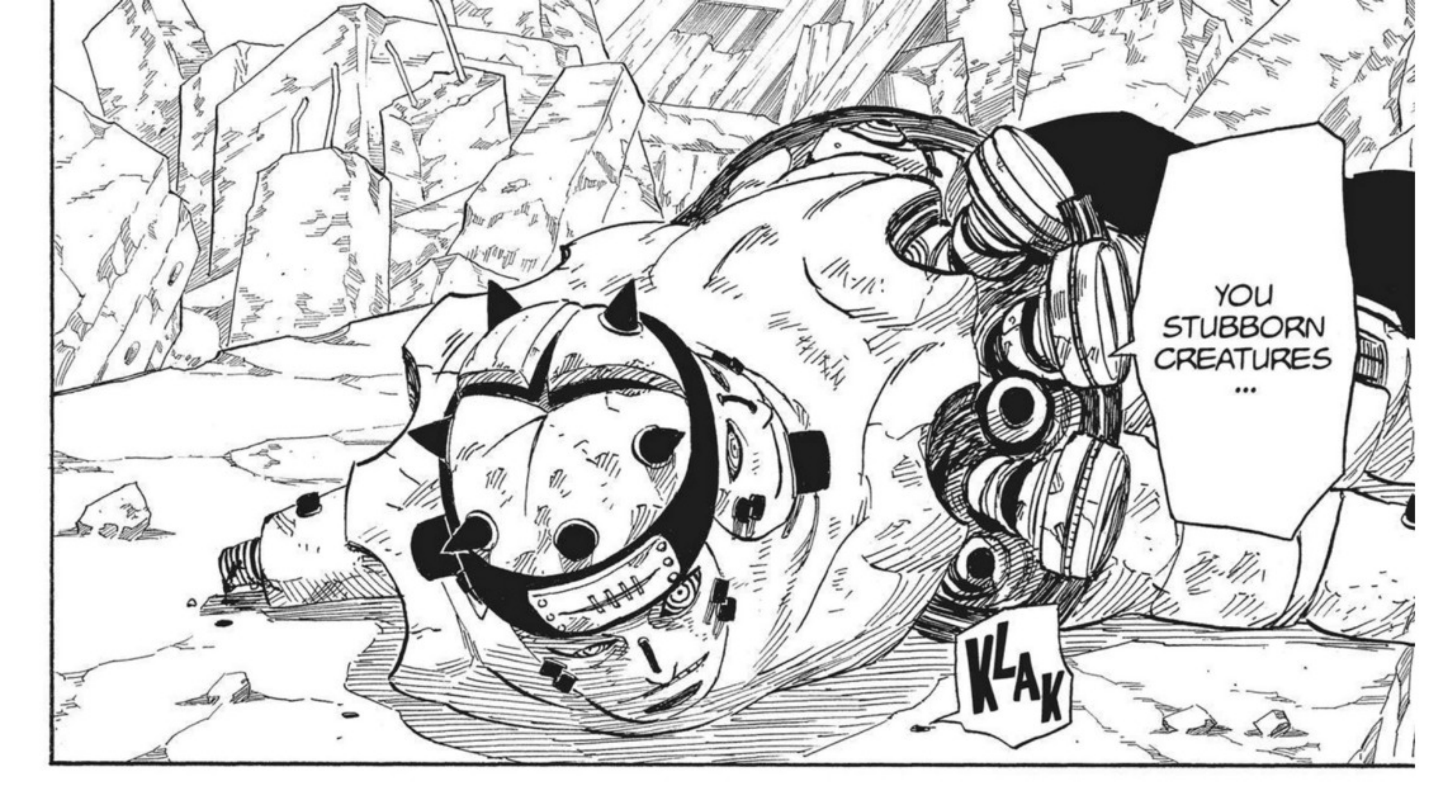
...AND HAVE HER SET UP COUNTER-MEASURES RIGHT AWAY!

M-MASTER ... KAKASHI ...?

MOURN LATER! GET THE INTEL ON PAIN TO LADY TSUNADE!

DON'T SQUANDER MASTER CHOZA'S SACRIFICE!

I... I...


YOU STUBBORN CREATURES ...
KLAK

?!
?!
GAH...! HE'S STILL...!
SQUILCH
VWEEN
NO! HE'S AIMING FOR CHOJI ?!









RUN, CHOJI!!

TAK

WITH WHAT LITTLE CHAKRA I HAVE LEFT, I CAN'T TAKE PAIN OUT.

AND... IF I USE THAT JUTSU AGAIN, I ***WILL*** DRAIN MYSELF COMPLETELY...

...AND WITHOUT A DOUBT, I SHALL...

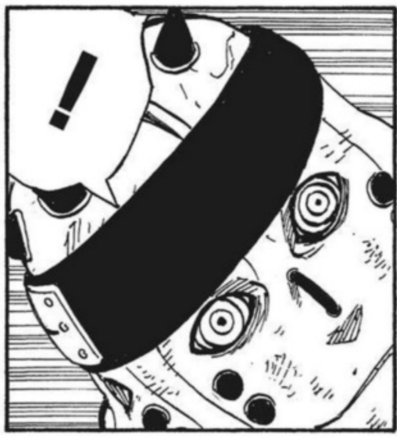

...DIE!
FSSH...
IT'S...
BUT RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IS TO IMPART THIS INFORMATION TO THOSE STILL ALIVE!
KAVOOSH
VWWWWWWW
...THE BEST WAY RIGHT NOW TO SAVE KONOHA!

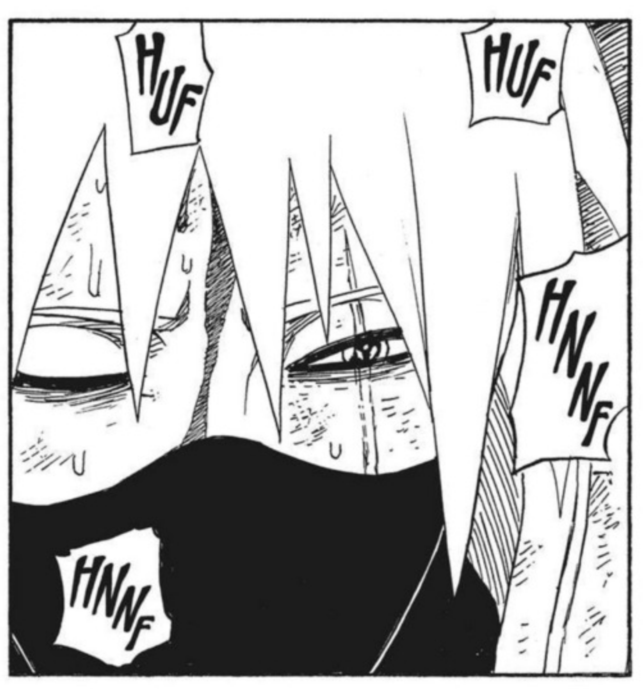


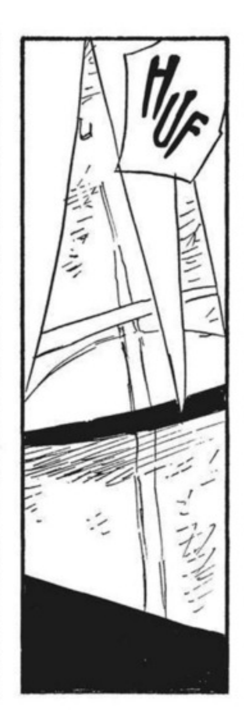






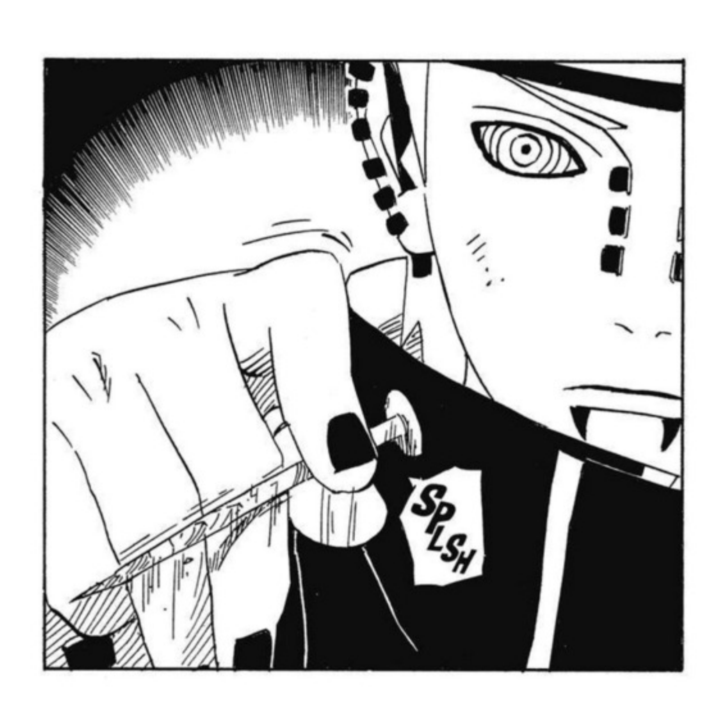






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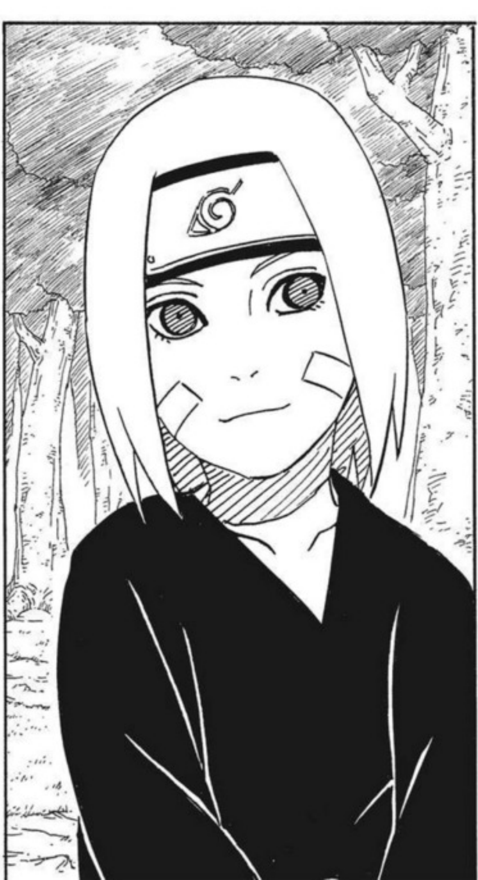
WELL... IT SEEMS THIS IS IT FOR ME, TOO...


SPLSH


Number 425: Hatake Kakashi


WHAT-EVER THE VILLAGE... MAY SAY...
YOU ARE... A GREAT JÔNIN...

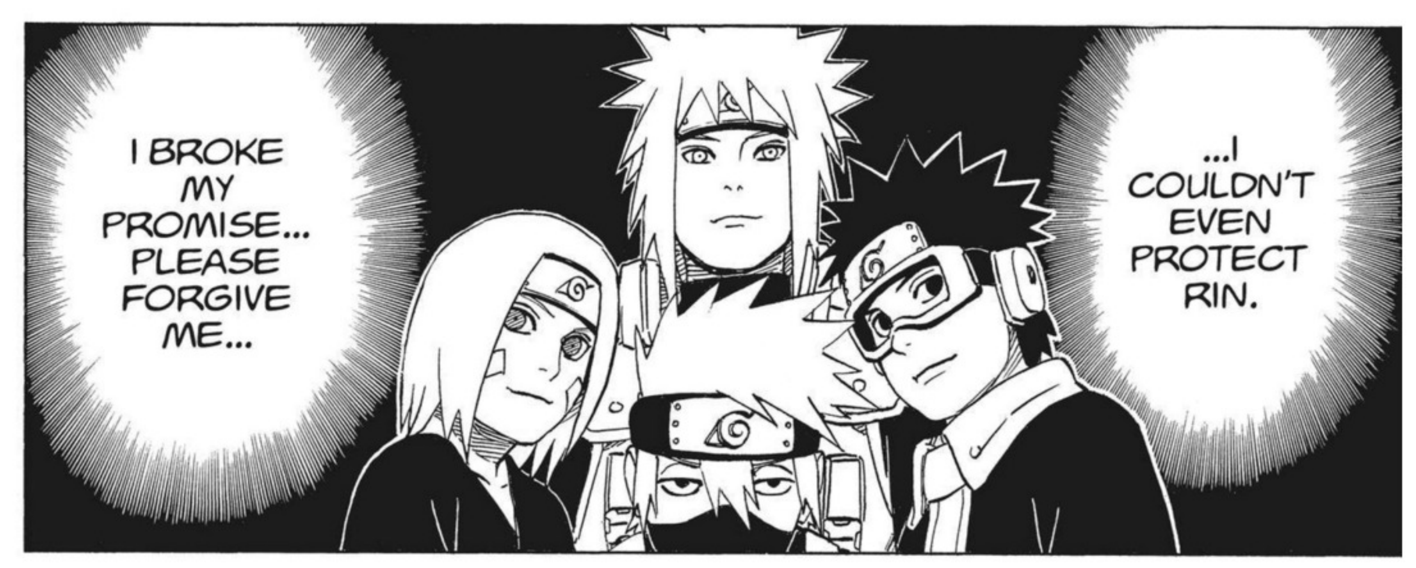

I'M ABOUT TO... DIE.
BUT I'LL BECOME YOUR EYE. AND WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS... IN THE FUTURE...




LOOK AFTER RIN... FOR ME...

OBITO
...

...THIS IS AS FAR AS IT GOES...
...ME BEING YOUR EYES...



OBITO... RIN... MASTER...

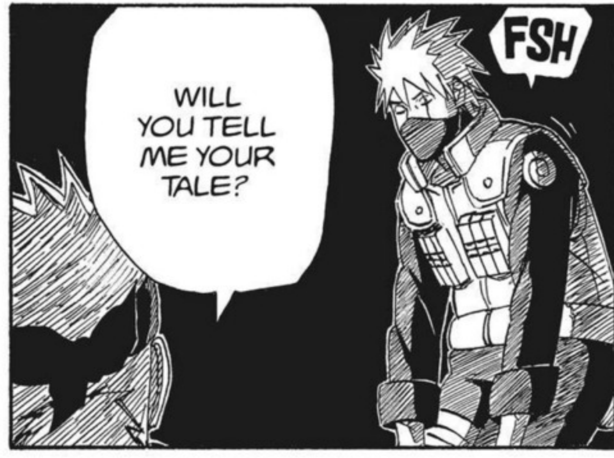


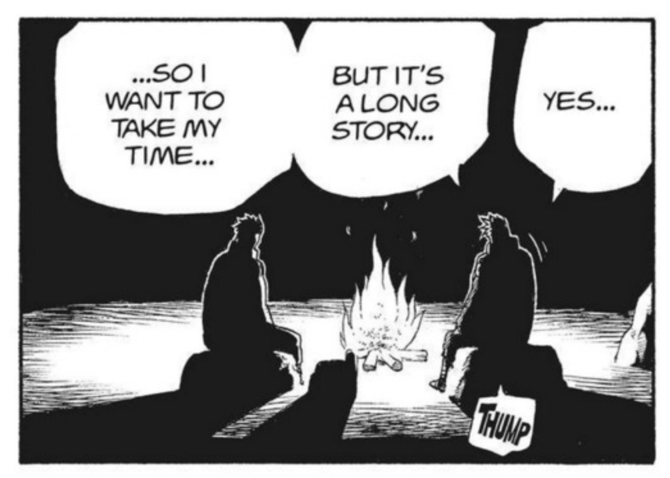



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KAKASHI ...?

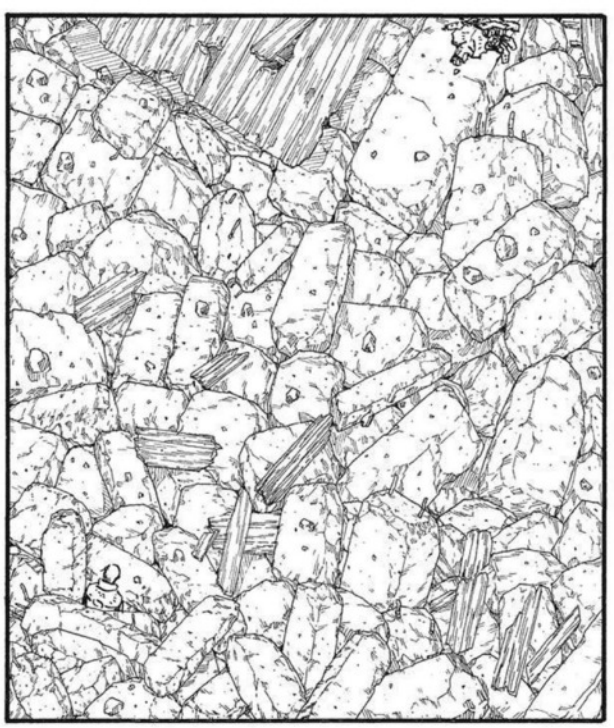

...SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE...
SHUP


FSH
WILL YOU TELL ME YOUR TALE?


YES...
BUT IT'S A LONG STORY...
...SO I WANT TO TAKE MY TIME...
THUMP


YEAH ... THAT'S FINE.


YOU SEE, FATHER ...

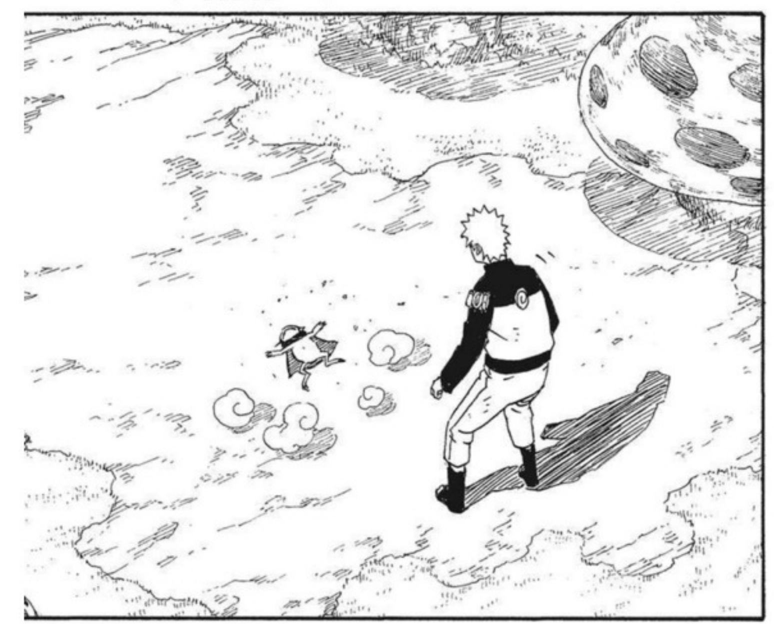



CRACK


KLUNK


READ
THIS
WAY





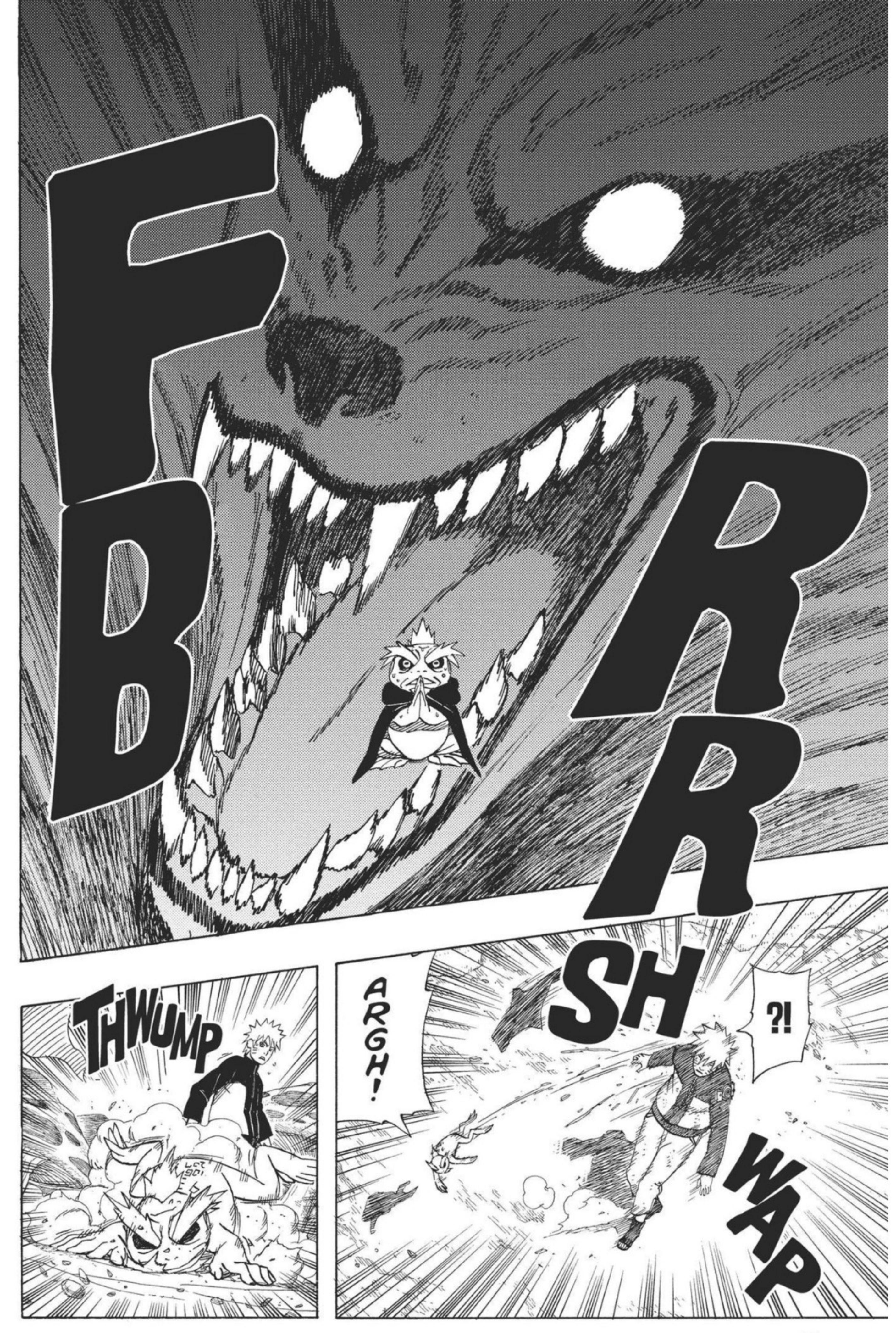

ALL RIGHT, LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME...
FLUP


UMF


SAGE TECHNIQUE! ART OF THE AMPHIB-IOUS!!




!!


FBRRR
THWUMP
ARGH!
SHWAP
?!

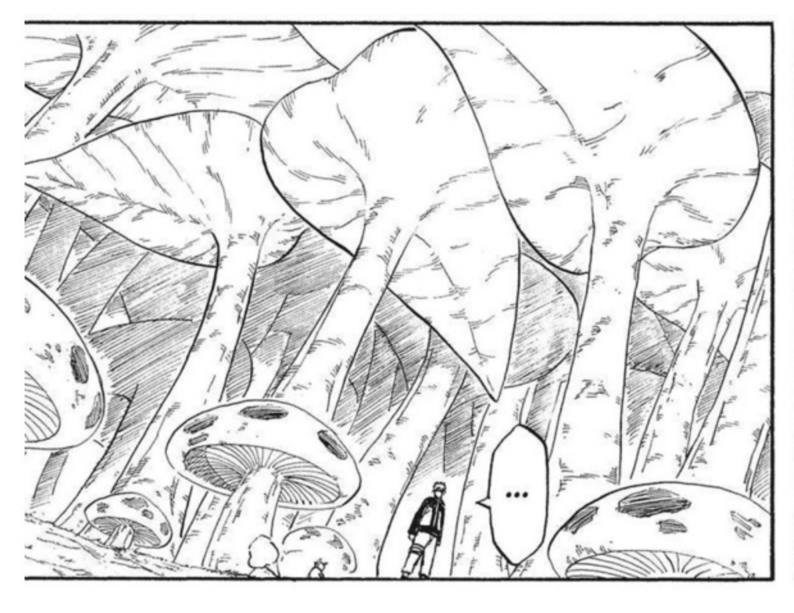

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...


A-HA HA HA...
IT SEEMS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IMPOSSIBLE?!


...I SUSPECT THAT THE NINE TAILS INSIDE YA, NARUTO-BOY...
...REJECTS ME AND CASTS ME OUT...


...


NO WAY!!
THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT TRAINING FOR?!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!!

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(PRISON)

TAK
FWP FWP

SHO OM

ART OF SUM-MONING!!
WAP
TH








READ THIS WAY

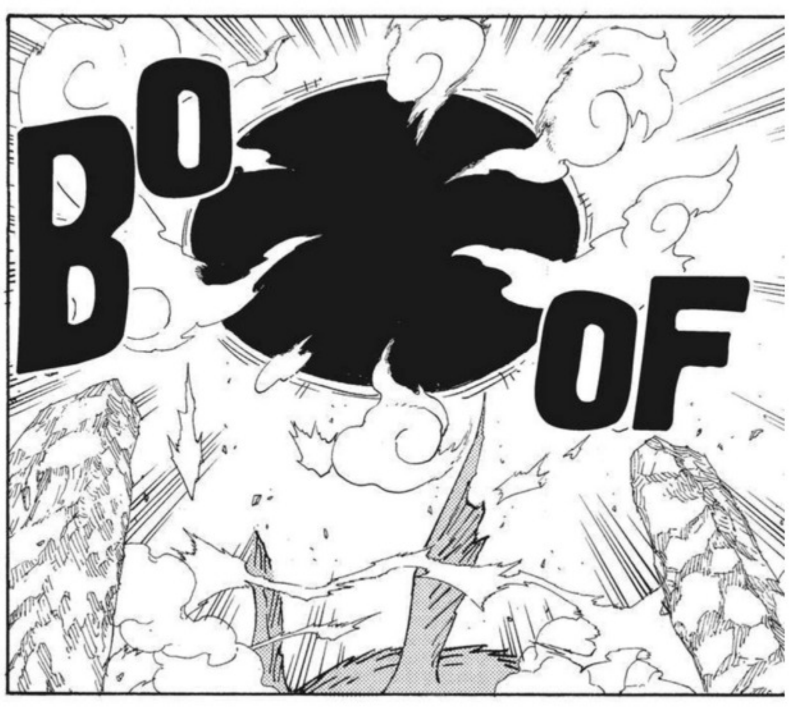

NINJA WHO POSSESS THE SAME EYES AS THE SIX PATHS SAGE...
...THE LEGENDARY RINNEGAN-BEARING FORE-FATHER OF ALL SHINOBI...
IF THEY TRULY EXIST...
...IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE ME THAT THEY USE ALL KINDS OF JUTSU...

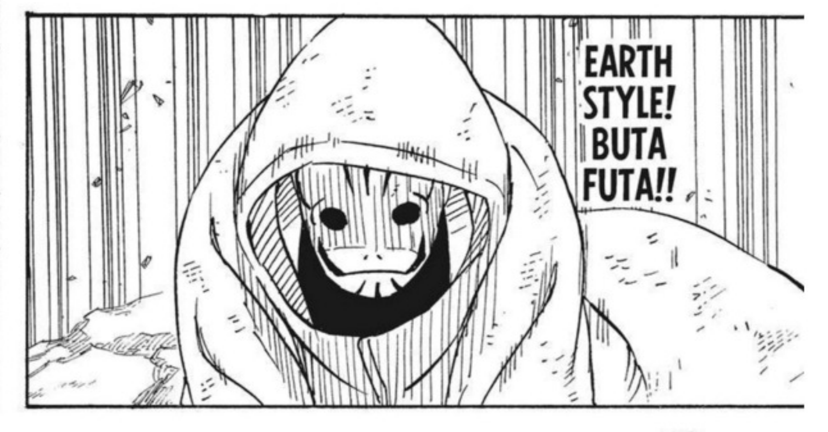
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WHAT THE ?!!
!!
WRRBLE
WRRBLE
!!
!!
RRRRUMBLE
TWEEK...
IT SEEMS THEY HAVE SHOWN UP HERE AS WELL.
FWD
WIND STYLE! ART OF THE WIND BLADE!!
SLASH
LIGHTNING STYLE! FOUR-PILLAR TRAP!!
FWP

GRRROAR!!

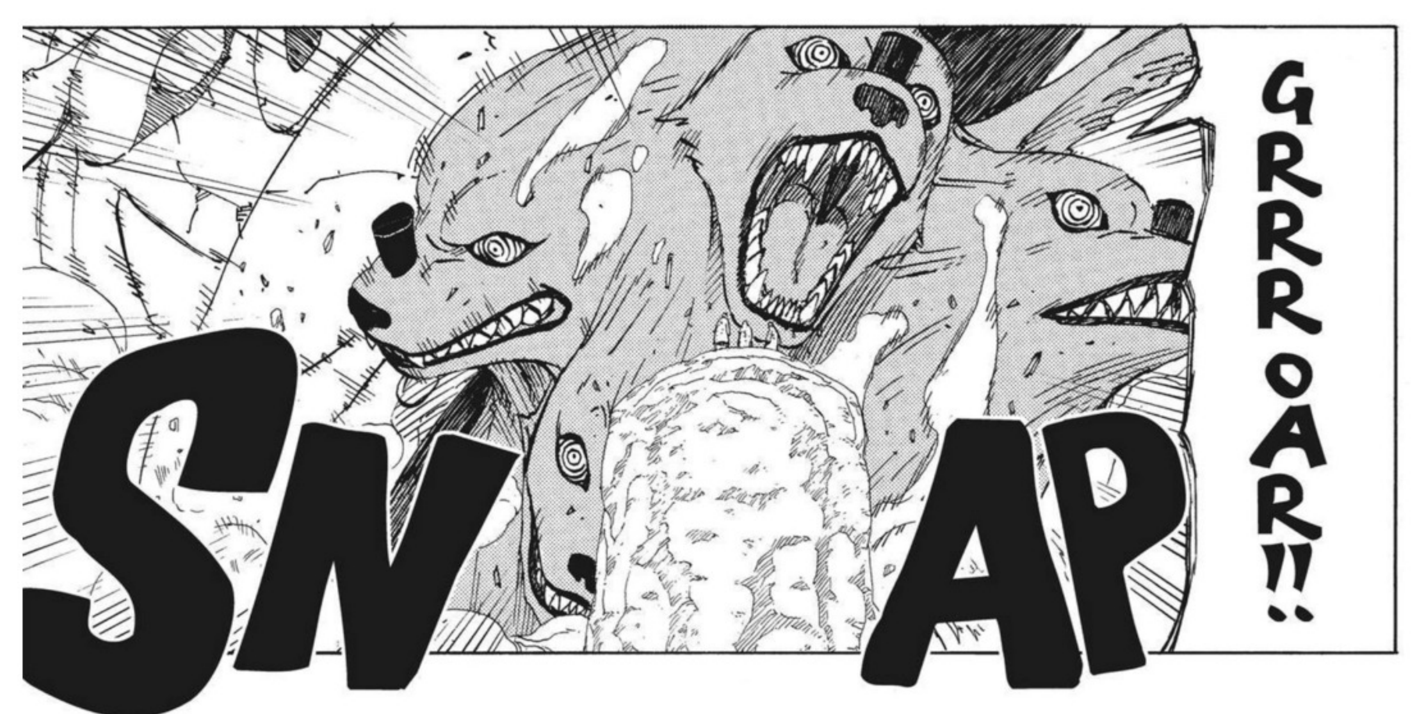
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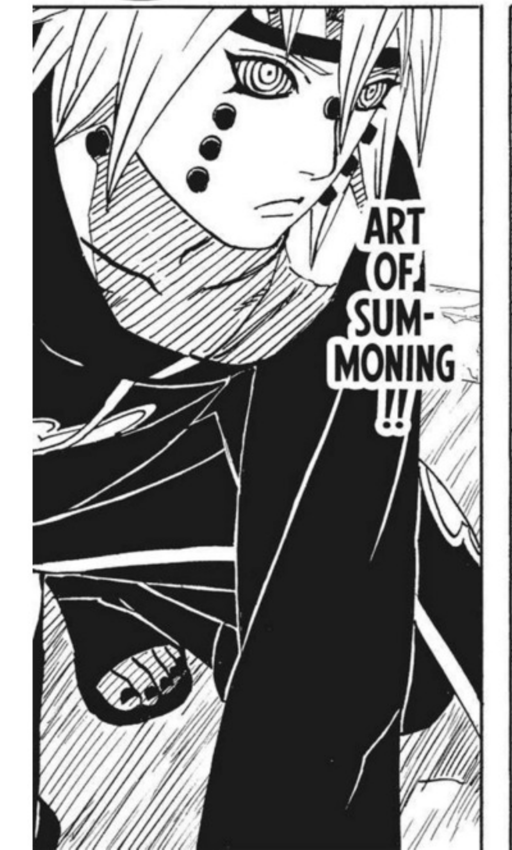






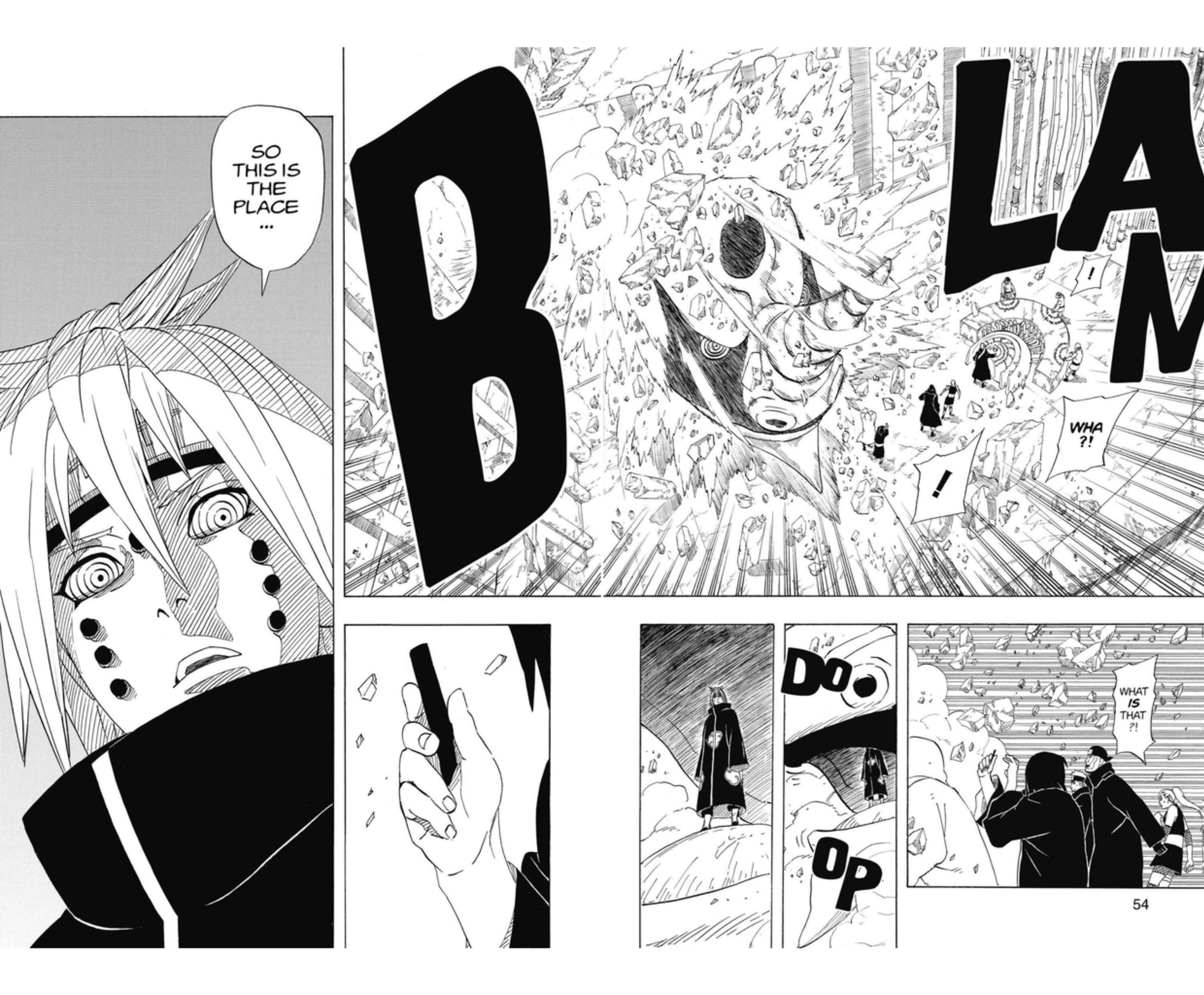

DID WE GET IT?!
TMP


SNAP
GRRROAR!!


ART OF SUM-MONING!!




WHAT ...?!
IT'S... GROWN MORE HEADS...
IT SEEMS TO BE SOME SPECIAL TYPE OF SUMMONING.
WE NEED TO TAKE ON THE CASTER RATHER THAN FACE THIS THING DIRECTLY!

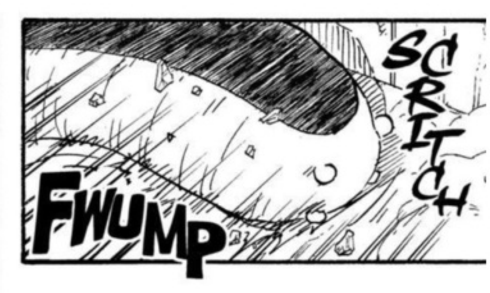

BLAM
!
WHA ?!
!
WHAT IS THAT ?!
DOOOP
SO THIS IS THE PLACE ...





(KONOHAGAKURE)



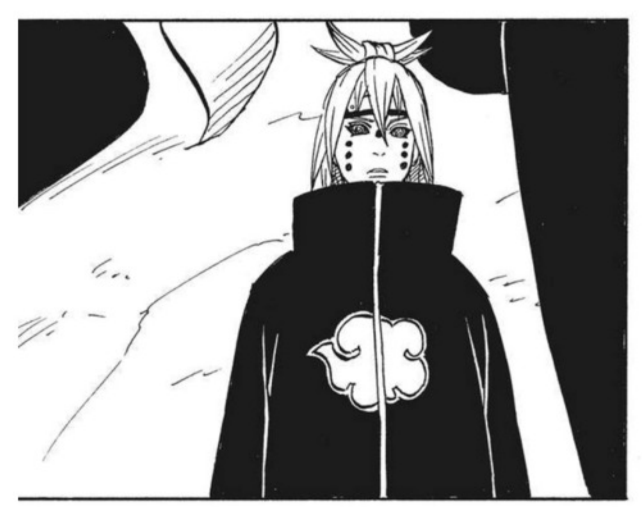








GRRR

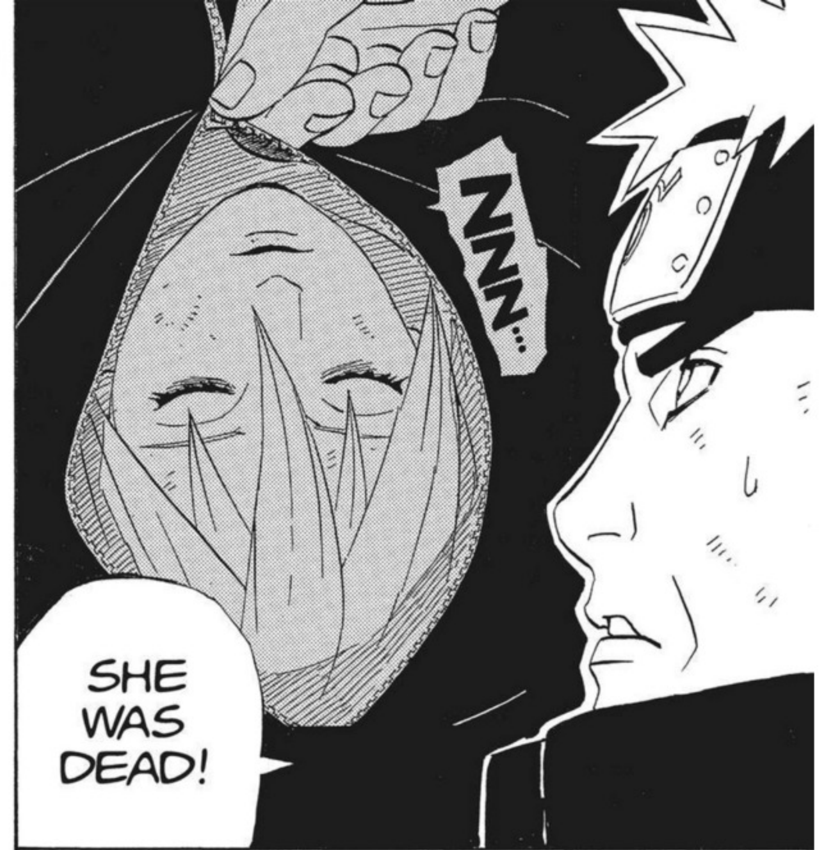



KOOM
THEY ARE POWERFUL SUMMON-INGS. EVERYONE, PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
KOOM


WHAT IS IT?!

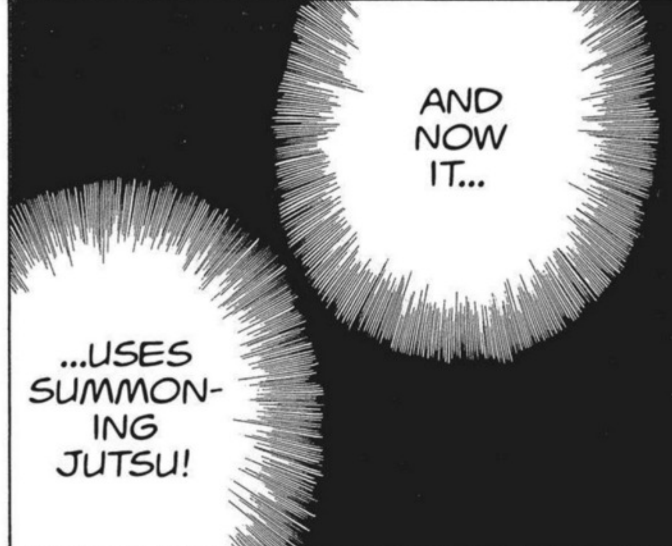

BUT HOW COULD THIS BE?!

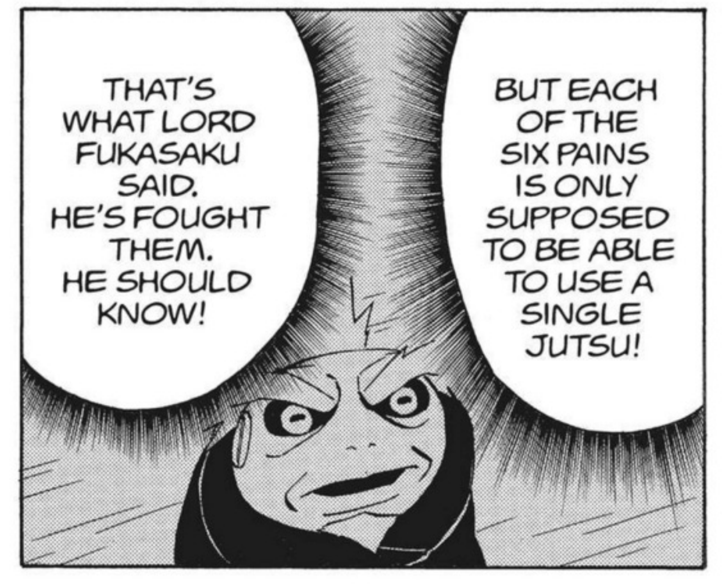

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IT'S NO MISTAKE...
...I SAW HER... INSIDE THE MEMORIES OF THAT AMEGAKURE FELLOW...


NNN...
SHE WAS DEAD!

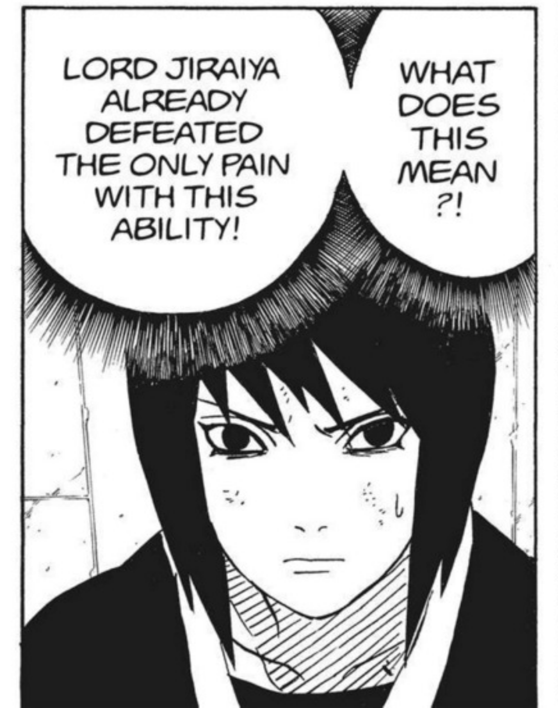

?!!




AND NOW IT...
...USES SUMMONING JUTSU!


BUT EACH OF THE SIX PAINS IS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO USE A SINGLE JUTSU!
THAT'S WHAT LORD FUKASAKU SAID. HE'S FOUGHT THEM. HE SHOULD KNOW!


SOMETHING'S WRONG!
BECAUSE ACCORDING TO LORD FUKASAKU, THE ONLY PAIN THAT CAN DO SUMMONINGS IS THE ONE I AUTOPSIED!


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?!
LORD JIRAIYA ALREADY DEFEATED THE ONLY PAIN WITH THIS ABILITY!


READ
THIS
WAY


MASTER INOICHI! GIVE ME MORE DETAILS. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIGURE THIS OUT...!!
WE CAN'T DO THAT HERE...


LEAVE THIS PLACE TO ME AND THE BLACK OPS. GET TO SAFETY!!


IBIKI ...!


LET'S GO, MASTER INOICHI!
IT'S TIME TO UNCOVER THE TRUE IDENTITY OF PAIN!




HUF
HUF
HUF



Number 426: Naruto & Konoha!!














ZWOOOOO


WHAT IS THAT...?
...


IS UZUMAKI NARUTO IN THIS VILLAGE OR NOT? TELL ME NOW.


I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
GET LOST!


I TOLD YOU, I DON'T KNOW! RELEASE US!


I SEE...
THEN YOU SHALL BE PUT TO JUDGMENT.



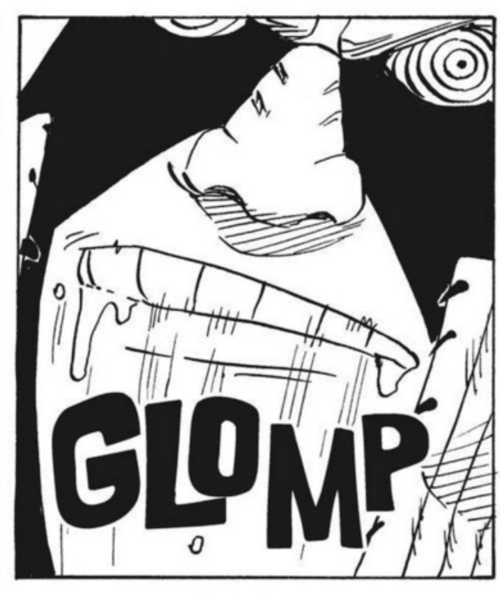
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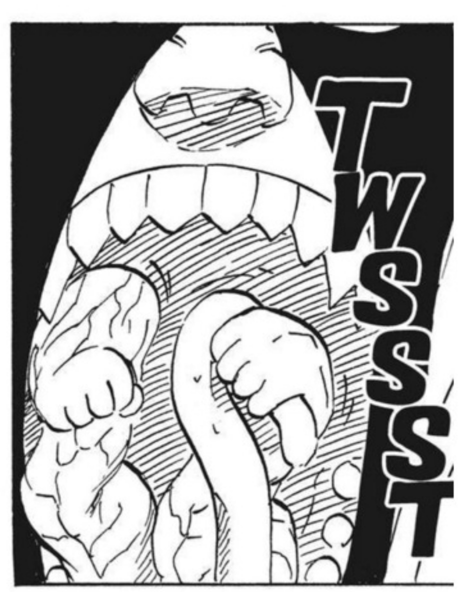
GGGG...
GGG

GLOP
ZWOOO...
ZWOOO...

!!
GACK
GRAB
GRAB
SNAP
FSH




GLOMP


TWSSST


READ
THIS
WAY


IT SEEMS
YOU TRULY
DID NOT
KNOW.
UGH...


THUMP


WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!
SUDDENLY
THE
OTHER GUY
STOPPED
MOVING?!


DUCK
WHAT
DID THE
ENEMY
DO TO
HIM?!
WHATEVER
IT IS,
I GOTTA
GET OUT
OF HERE...
N-NOW!!
SHUP!
THWACK
AGH!


VWEEN
!

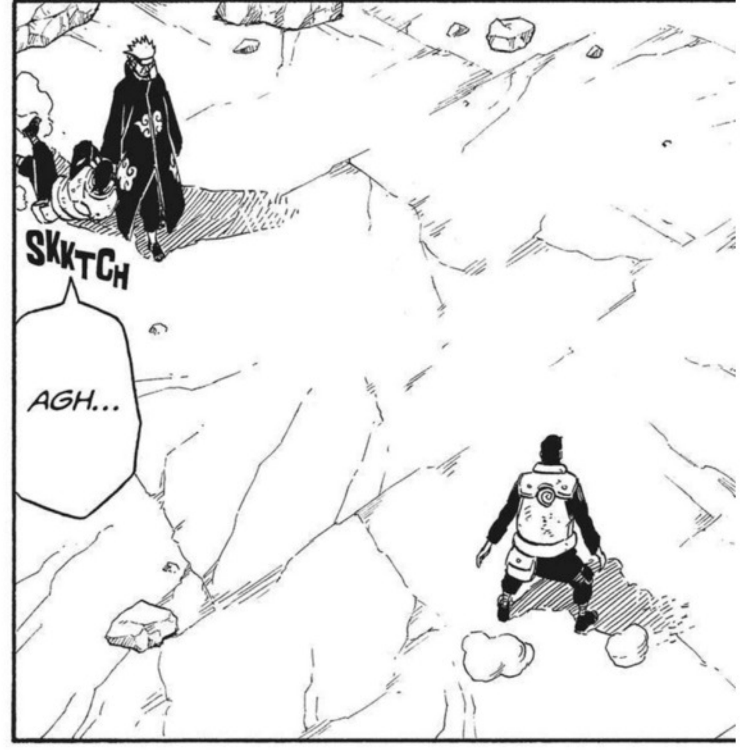

G-
GAH!!
...DID
HE
SEE
ME?!

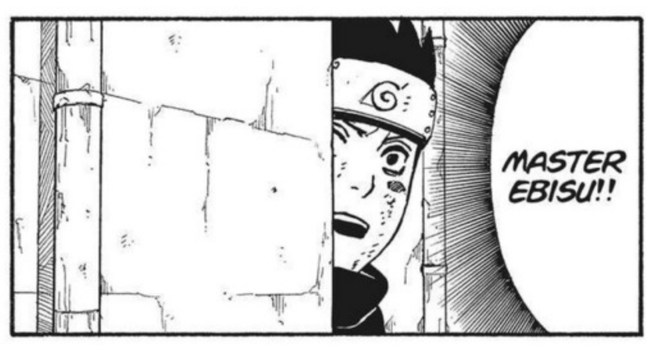

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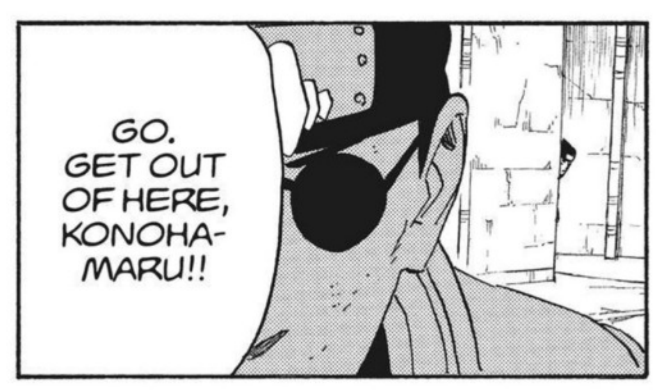
IT SEEMS YOU'VE GOTTEN TOO USED TO HAVING YOUR OWN WAY!

I HAVE NO MERCY FOR THUGS LIKE YOU!!

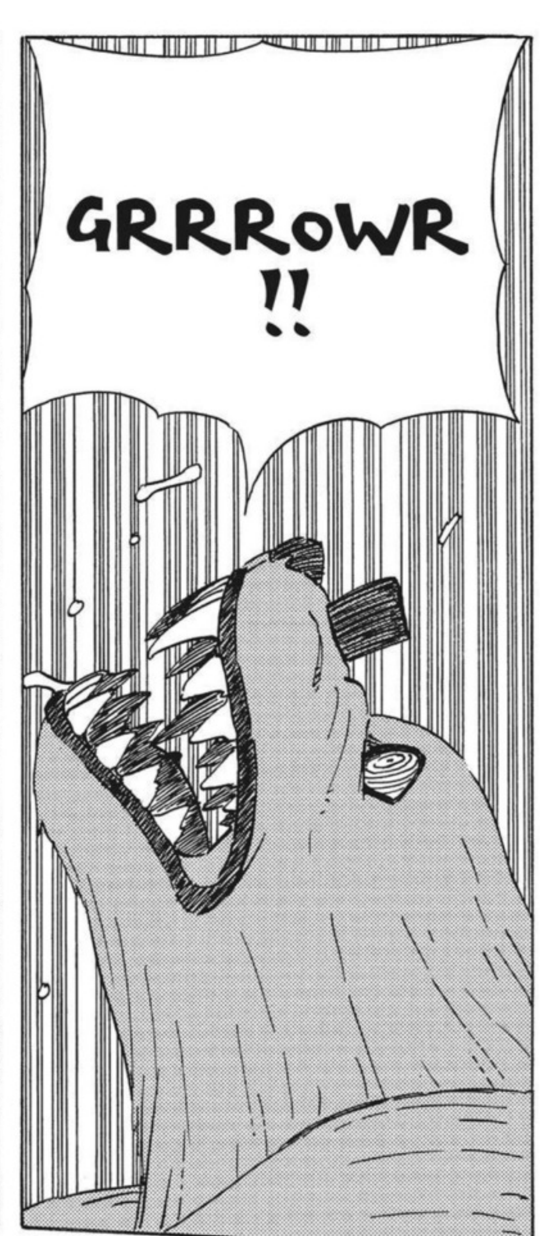
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READ
THIS
WAY


GRRROWR
!!




IN ANY CASE, LET US GO TO THE CIPHER CORPS...
AND BRING INO WITH US...
...SO SHE CAN SUPPORT YOUR JUTSU, MASTER INOICHI.
ZWOO...

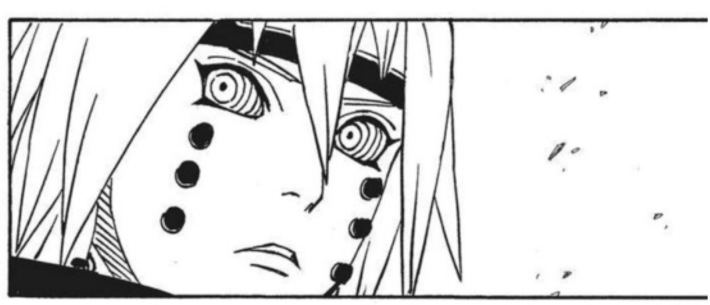

ALL RIGHT.


ZWOOO...

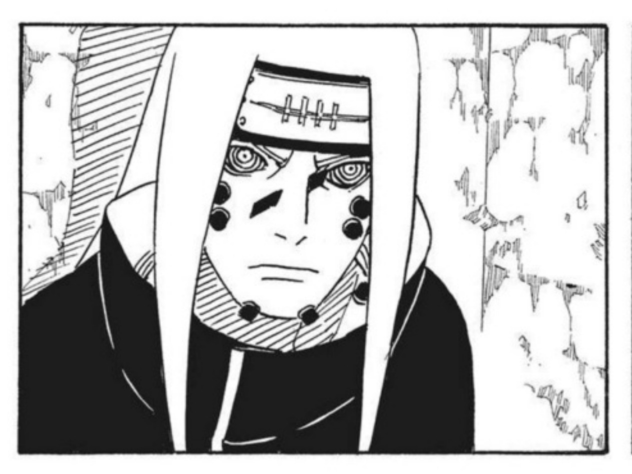

!
INO, IT'S ME. LISTEN CLOSELY. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE CIPHER CORPS!

ZWOO...
SQUICH
SQUICH
TAK



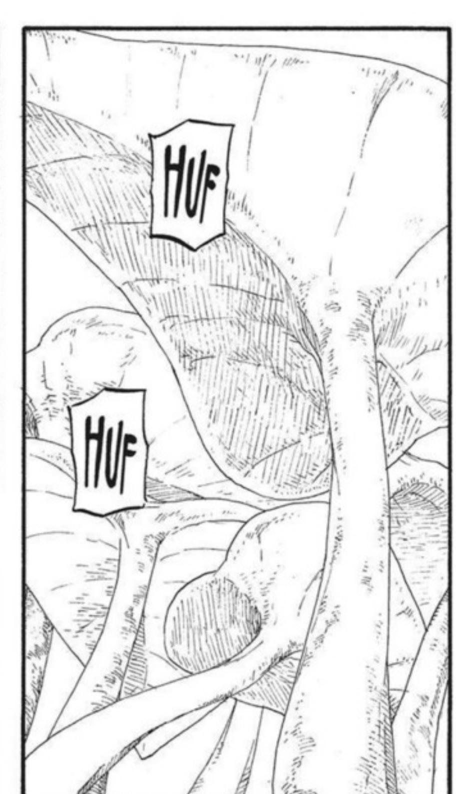


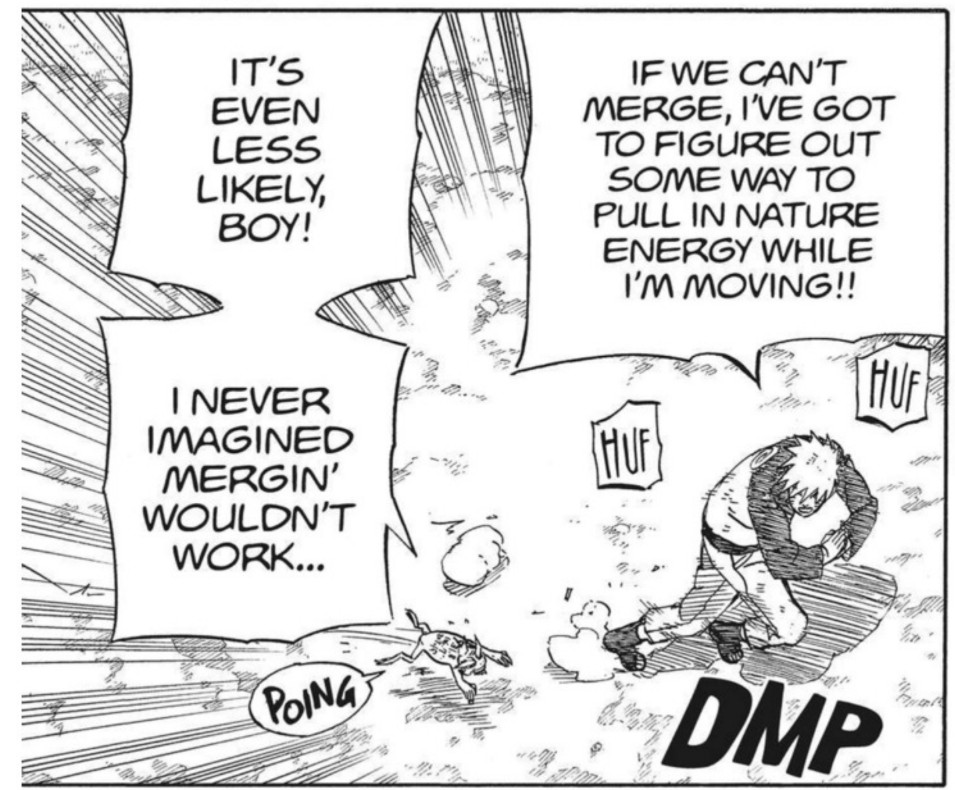






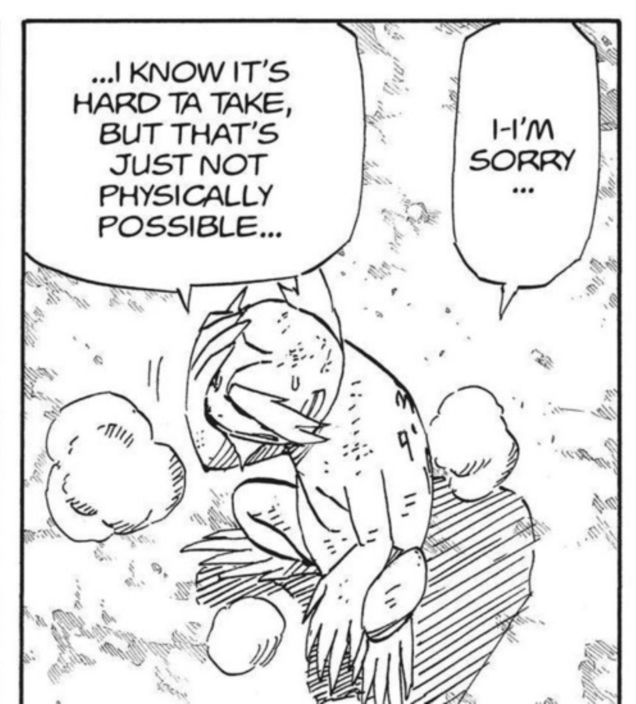

READ
THIS
WAY


HUF
HUF


IF WE CAN'T MERGE, I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO PULL IN NATURE ENERGY WHILE I'M MOVING!!
HUF
HUF
IT'S EVEN LESS LIKELY, BOY!
I NEVER IMAGINED MERGIN' WOULDN'T WORK...
POING
DMP


HUF
I WON'T GIVE UP! THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE!!
HUF
TPP
BUT I'M SAYIN' IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


...


I-I'M SORRY...
...I KNOW IT'S HARD TA TAKE, BUT THAT'S JUST NOT PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE...


HUF



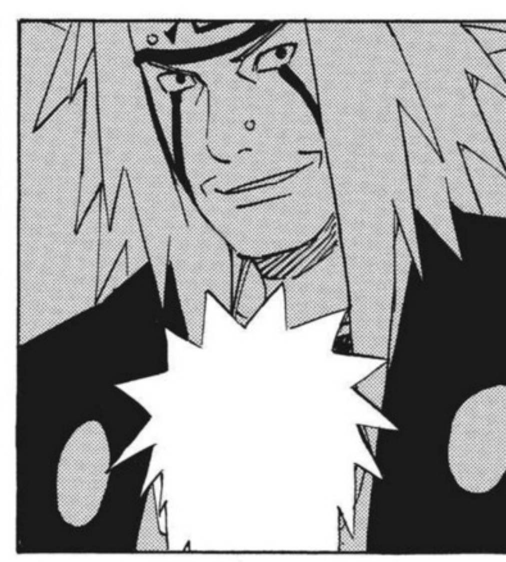

HUF
HUF
THAT CODE ON YOUR BACK WAS A MESSAGE TO ME FROM PERVY SAGE...

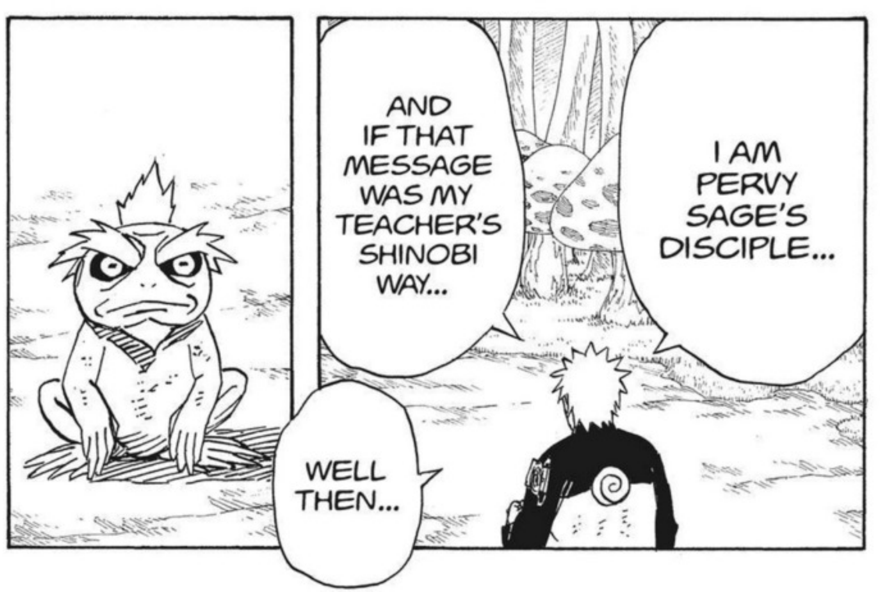

YEAH, I KNOW...
BUT THANKS TO YOU, NARUTO-BOY, IT'S BECOME A KEY TO SOLVIN' THE MYSTERY OF PAIN...
NO. IT'S NOT JUST THAT.


?


IT'S ALSO A MESSAGE TO ME...
...TO NEVER GIVE UP.


BUT...




I AM PERVY SAGE'S DISCIPLE...
AND IF THAT MESSAGE WAS MY TEACHER'S SHINOBI WAY...
WELL THEN...

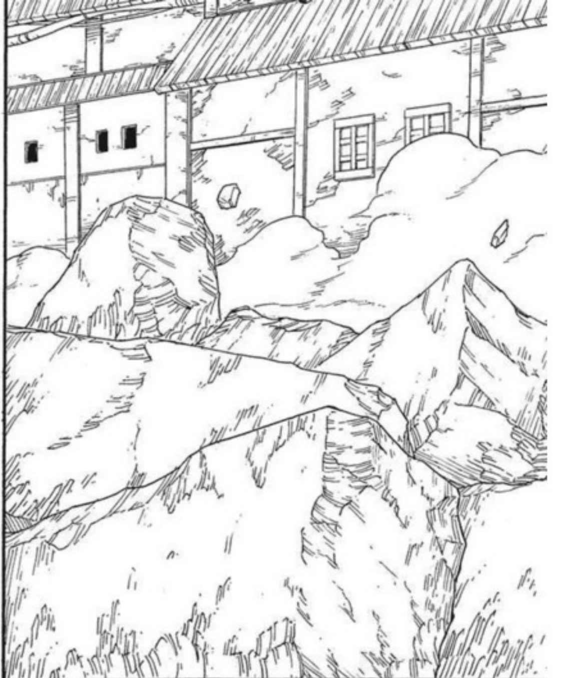
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...I CAN'T WHINE AND MOAN ABOUT THIS!!!



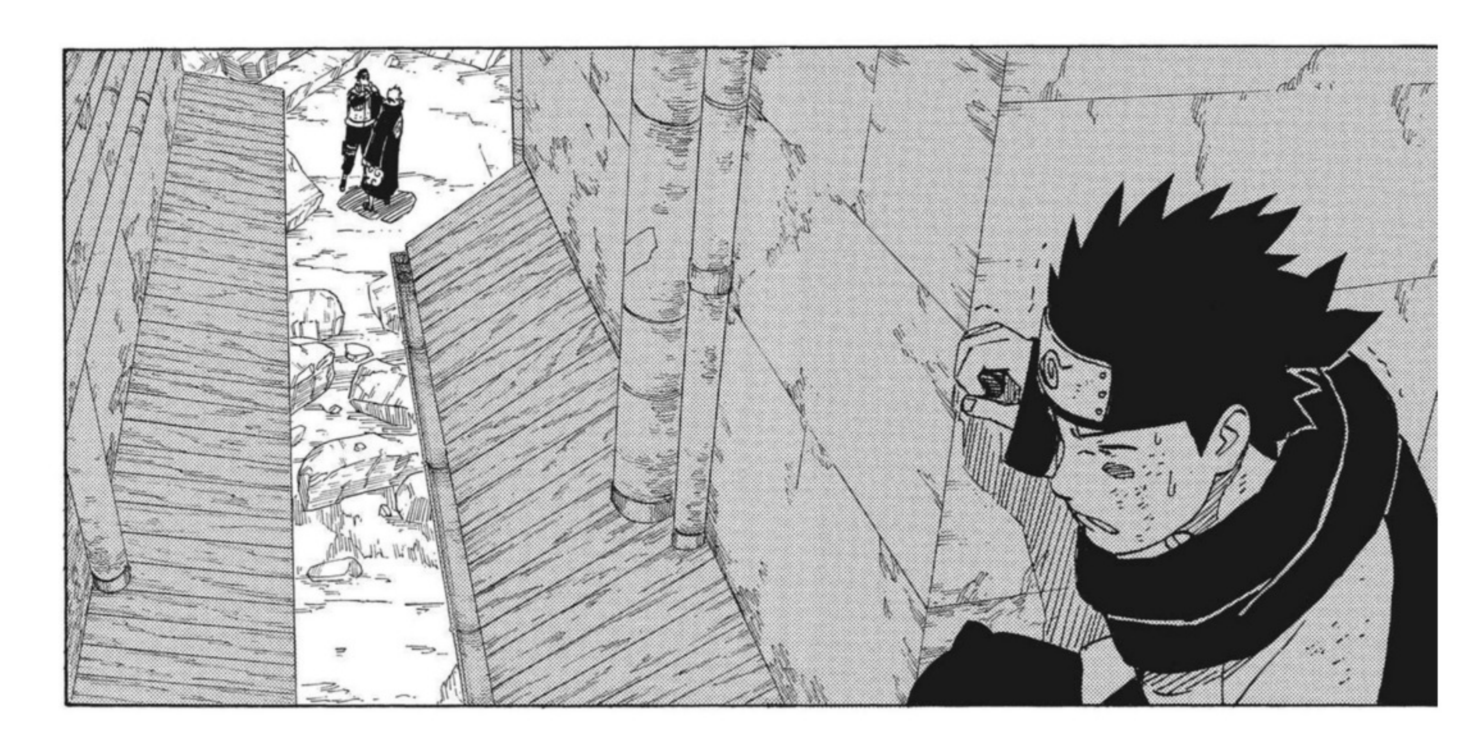


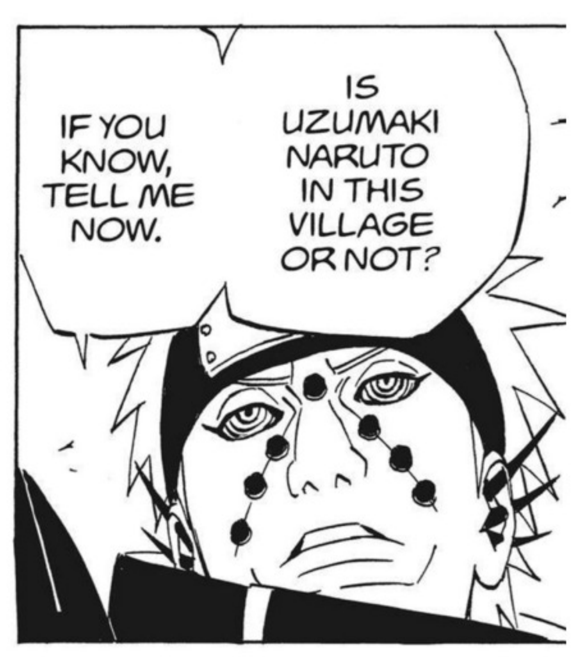






W-WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
PROBABLY...
I SHOULD RUN...
HUF
HUF





IS UZUMAKI NARUTO IN THIS VILLAGE OR NOT?
IF YOU KNOW, TELL ME NOW.



OR I WILL KILL YOU.



READ THIS WAY





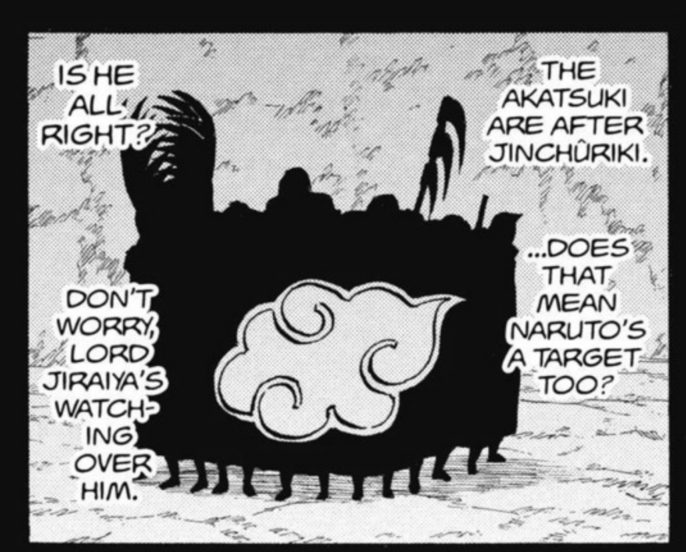









I'M SO GLAD THE FIFTH HOKAGE HAS BEEN DECIDED! NOW WE CAN ALL RELAX!
...THANKS TO LORD JIRAIYA AND NARUTO!
DID THEY REALLY BATTLE OROCHIMARU?

I HEARD HE DEFENDED THE VILLAGE FROM THE SAND JINCHÛRIKI!
WHO?
UZUMAKI NARUTO... YOU KNOW, THAT NINE TAILS...

THE AKATSUKI ARE AFTER JINCHÛRIKI.
IS HE ALL RIGHT?
...DOES THAT MEAN NARUTO'S A TARGET TOO?
DON'T WORRY, LORD JIRAIYA'S WATCHING OVER HIM.

I HEARD HE COULDN'T BRING UCHIHA SASUKE BACK...
I HOPE NARUTO'S OKAY...

THE AKATSUKI KILLED JIRAIYA!
IS NARUTO ALL RIGHT?
HOW CAN WE HELP?

HEY, I HEARD NARUTO RESCUED THE KAZEKAGE FROM THE AKATSUKI!
CAN WE BE AT PEACE NOW?


READ THIS WAY


NARUTO HAS LORD JIRAIYA'S DETERMINATION!
HE HASN'T LOST HEART!
HE'S GOING TO KEEP FORGING ON AS USUAL!


NARUTO, YOU ARE...






!

HE IS ONE OF US!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING YOU AKATSUKI ANYTHING!!













DIE.

THOK THOK THOK

?!

SHUP

?!

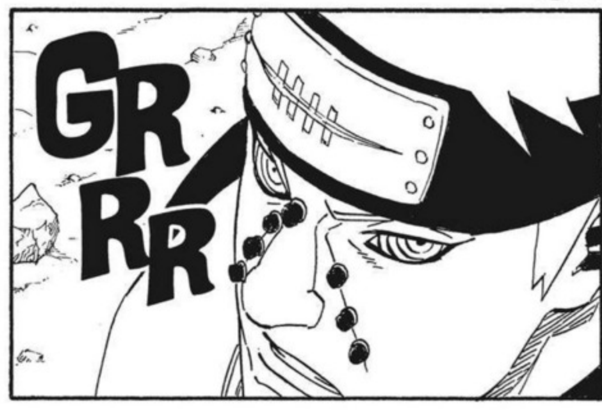
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KONO-HAMARU ?!




NARUTO

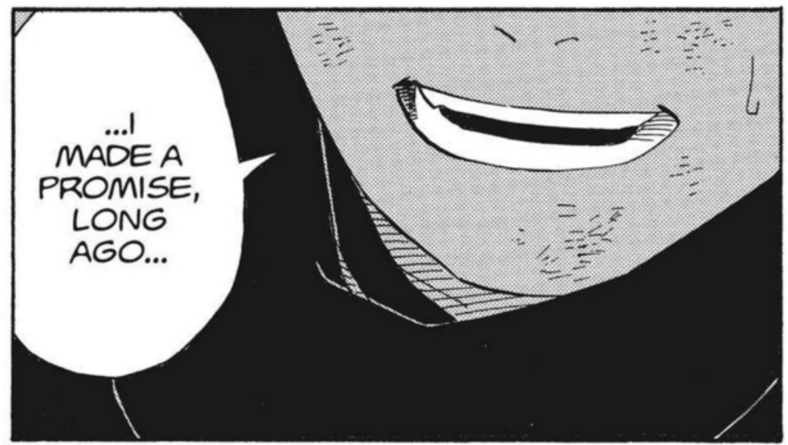
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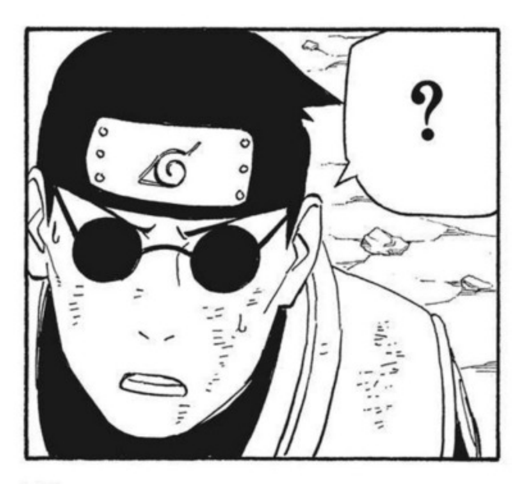




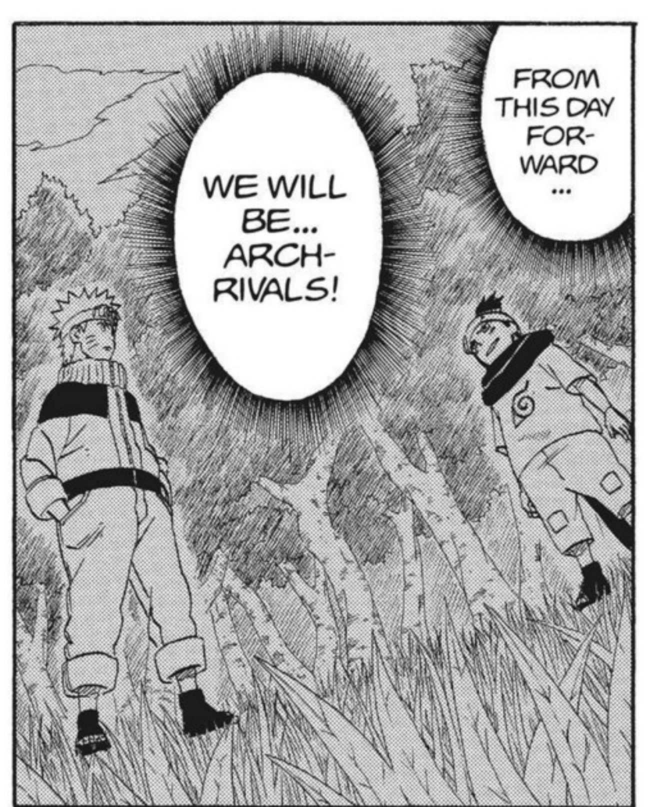









YOU DON'T GET IT JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT IT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST!


FROM THIS DAY FOR-WARD ...
WE WILL BE... ARCH-RIVALS!


ONE DAY, WE'LL FIGHT OVER THE NAME HOKAGE.
...LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY...
... KONOHA-MARU!




I PROMISED BIG BROTHER NARUTO...
...THAT I'D FIGHT HIM OVER THE HOKAGE TITLE ONE DAY!


...

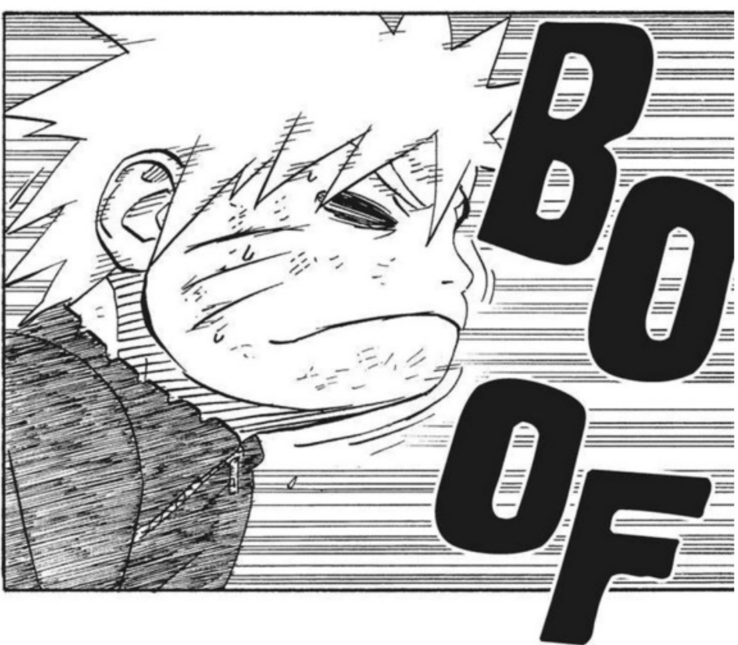

READ THIS WAY


BIG BROTHER IS MY RIVAL!!
SO I'M NOT CHOOSING AN ESCAPE ROUTE!!
SHUP


KK RK

CUZ NARUTO...
...WON'T BE WAITING AT THE END OF THAT SHORTER PATH!!!
FWP

SWOO


BOOF

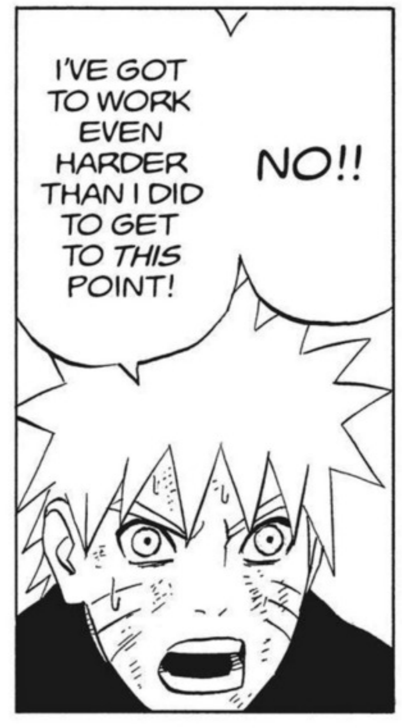

SPRONG
YAH!
THACK
OWW!!!

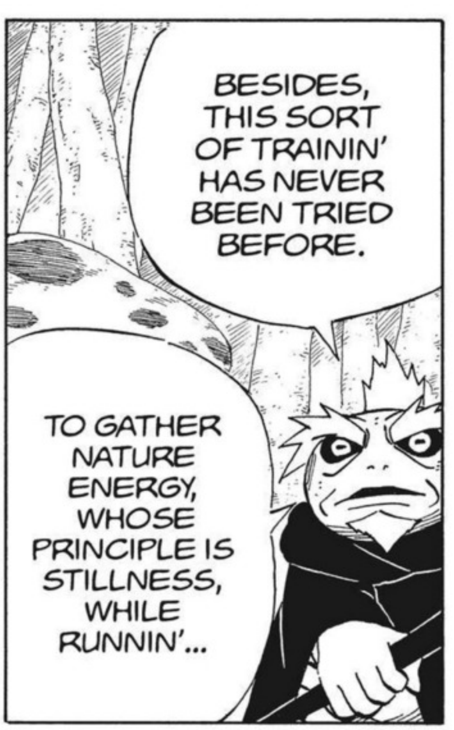

SKREE
THUD
THUD


AGAIN! ONE MORE TIME!!
TAK


TAKE A LITTLE BREAK, NARUTO-BOY.
OTHER-WISE I WON'T LAST.
HUF
HUF
HUF


READ
THIS
WAY


NO!!
I'VE GOT TO WORK EVEN HARDER THAN I DID TO GET TO *THIS* POINT!

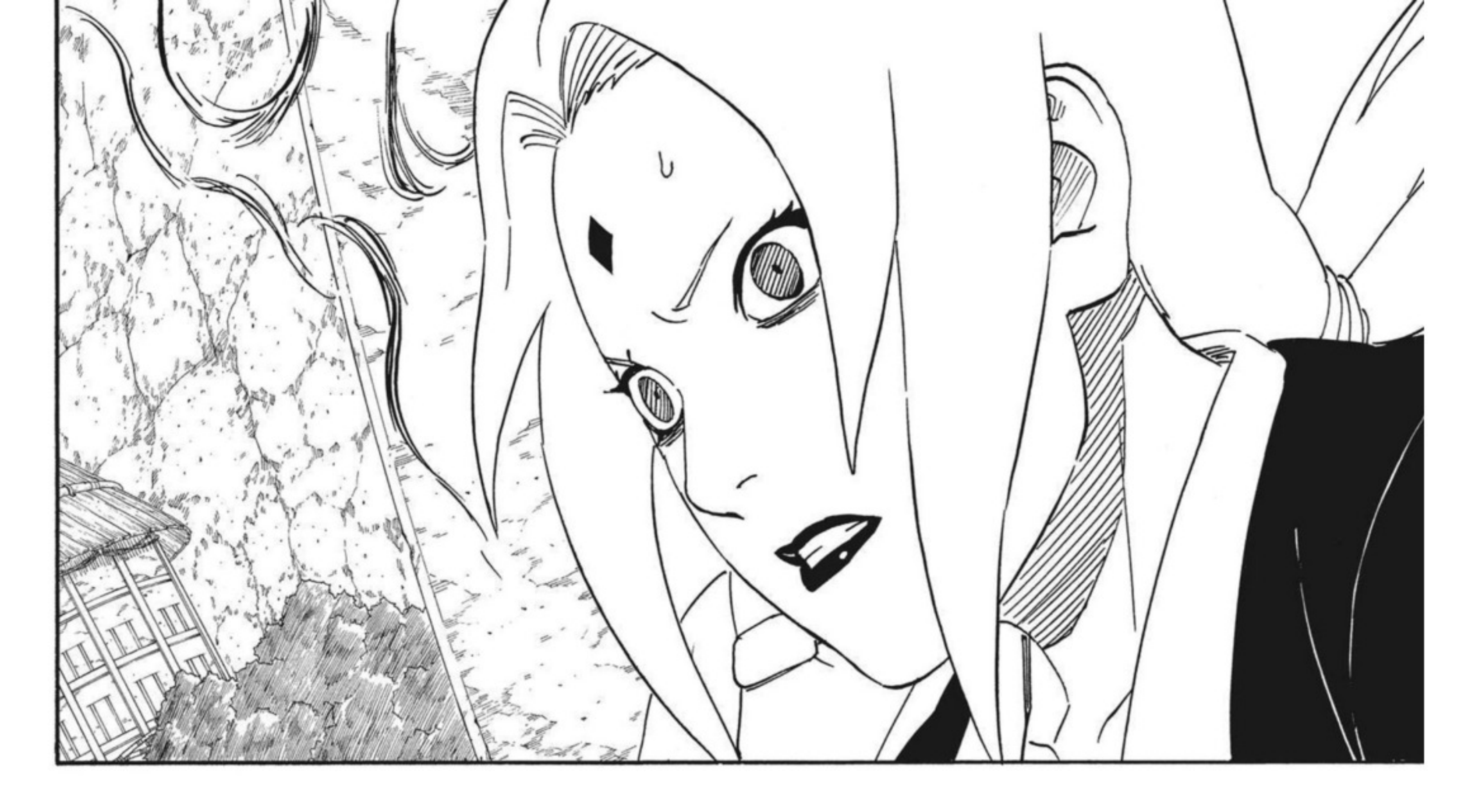

BESIDES, THIS SORT OF TRAININ' HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE.
TO GATHER NATURE ENERGY, WHOSE PRINCIPLE IS STILLNESS, WHILE RUNNIN'...

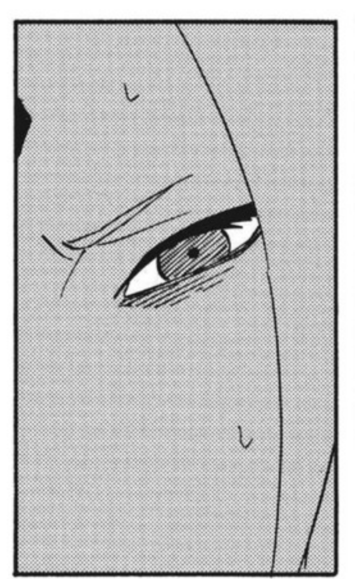

IT'S LIKE LOOKIN' TO THE LEFT WHEN YER ALREADY LOOKIN' TO THE RIGHT...



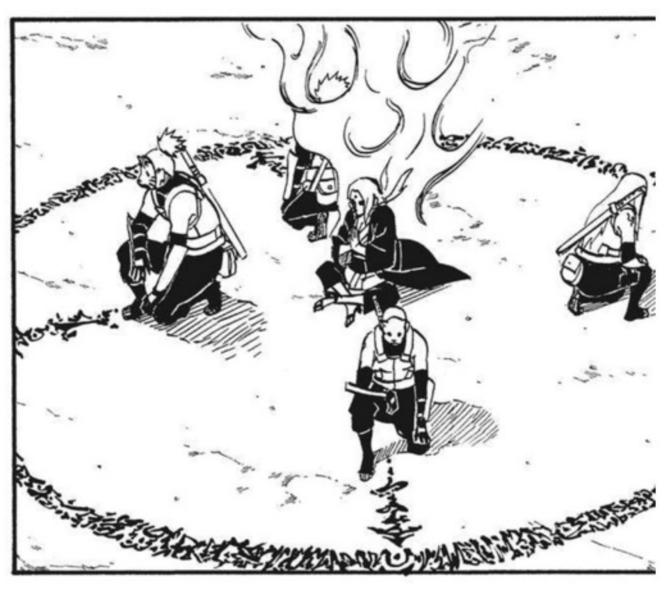

OHHH!


WHAT IS IT?

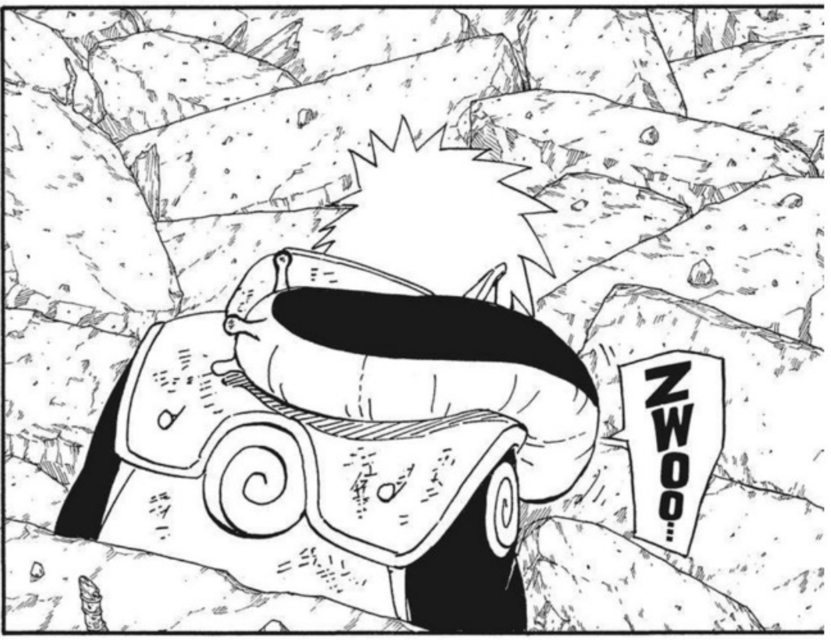





WHAT IS IT?




KLOP
KLOP
KATSUYU HAS NOW MADE CONTACT WITH ALMOST EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE...

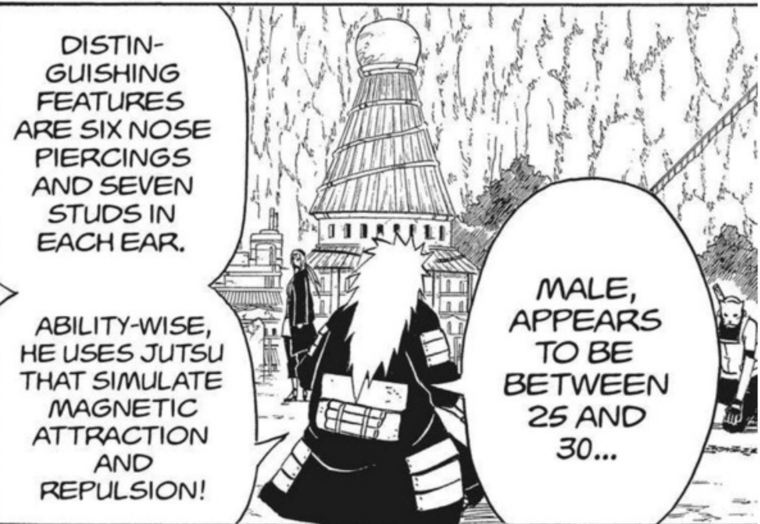

ZWOO...



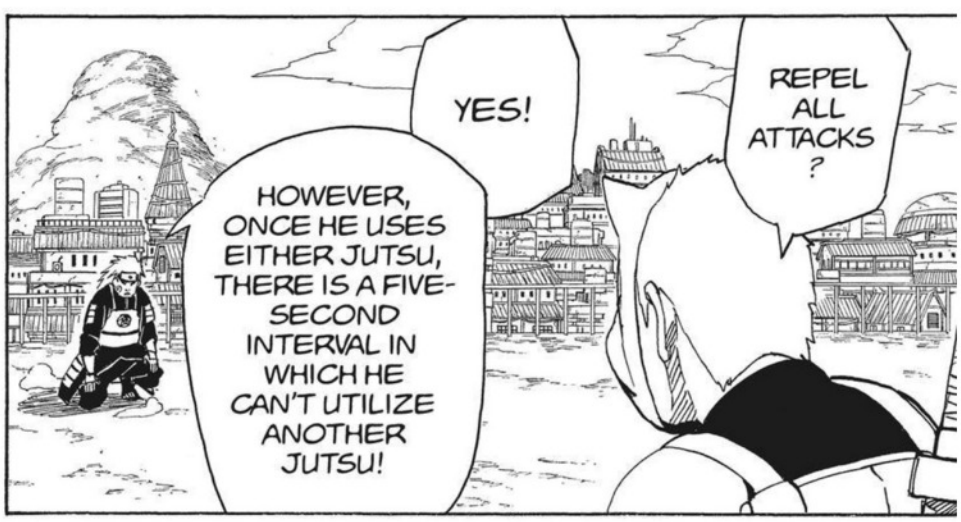
READ THIS WAY
BA-KOOM
?!
WHA ?!
L-LADY... TSUNADE ...?!
THOOM
APOLOGIES ...
LET US CONTINUE ...
CHACK
PITTER PITTER...
WUP


GO ON...


LADY HOKAGE!
WE'VE FIGURED OUT ONE OF THE ENEMY'S PROFILES!
WUMP


MALE, APPEARS TO BE BETWEEN 25 AND 30...
DISTIN-GUISHING FEATURES ARE SIX NOSE PIERCINGS AND SEVEN STUDS IN EACH EAR.
ABILITY-WISE, HE USES JUTSU THAT SIMULATE MAGNETIC ATTRACTION AND REPULSION!

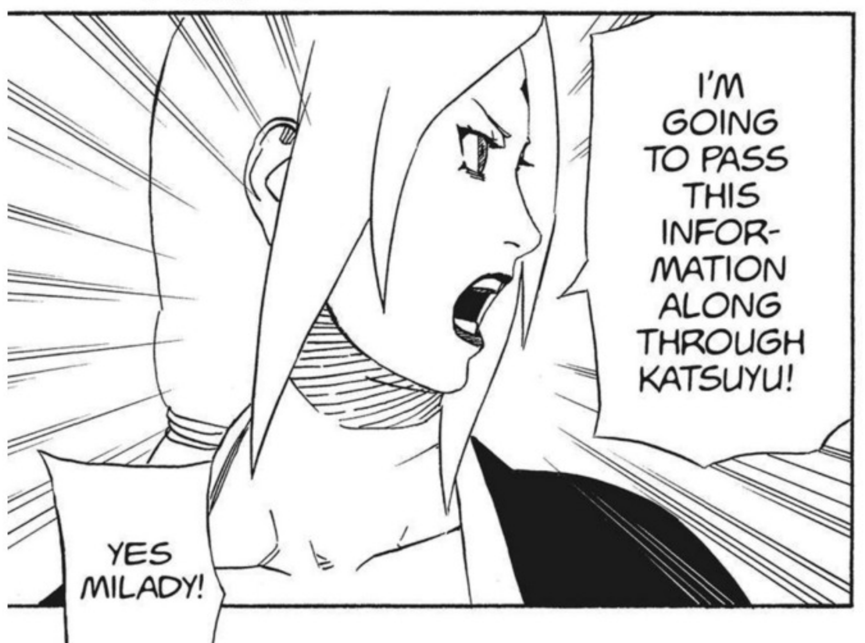

HE CAN ATTRACT TARGETED OBJECTS TO HIMSELF.
AND HE CAN REPEL ALL NINJUTSU ATTACKS!

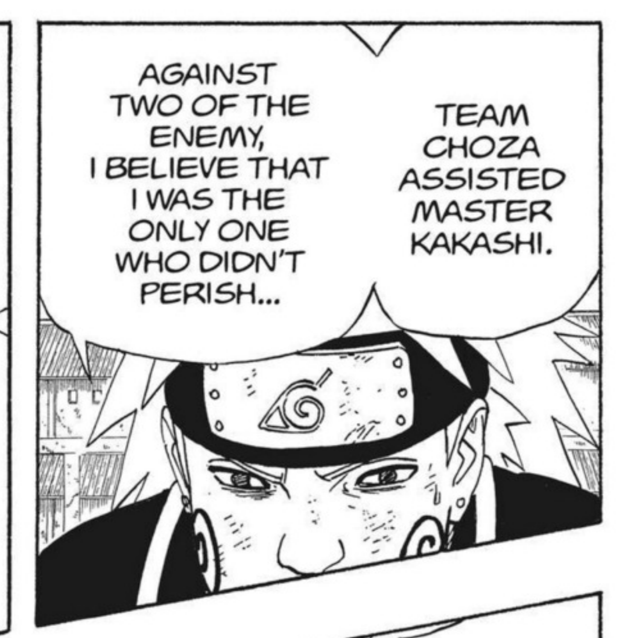

REPEL ALL ATTACKS?
YES!
HOWEVER, ONCE HE USES EITHER JUTSU, THERE IS A FIVE-SECOND INTERVAL IN WHICH HE CAN'T UTILIZE ANOTHER JUTSU!


ONLY FIVE SECONDS, HUH...


READ THIS WAY


NICE WORK!
NOW WE WILL SUFFER FAR FEWER CASUAL-TIES.


I'M GOING TO PASS THIS INFOR-MATION ALONG THROUGH KATSUYU!
YES MILADY!


TEAM CHOZA ASSISTED MASTER KAKASHI.
AGAINST TWO OF THE ENEMY, I BELIEVE THAT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T PERISH...


GO BACK TO CHOZA!
GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL, NOW. HE CAN STILL BE SAVED!


!!
HUH ?!!


THEN PA'S... STILL ALIVE ...?!
HE IS.
SNIFF















(AUTOPSY ROOM 3)



UNH ...

KLAK

...!

KLATTER KLATTER...



FANG OVER FANG!!

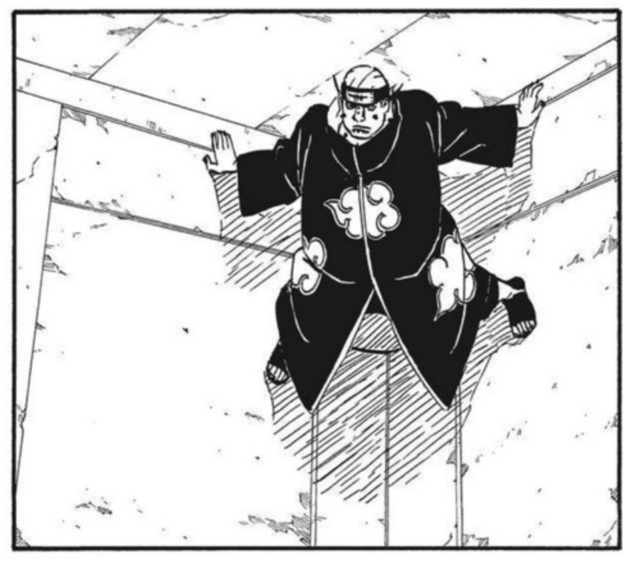
THUD THUD

SWOOO...

SCREEEE


READ THIS WAY


MA, HE'S ABOVE!
WOOF!
I KNOW!!




HE MUST HAVE USED THE BODY AS A SHIELD.
JUST AS INTEL SAID, PHYSICAL ATTACKS SEEM TO BE HIS WEAK POINT!
YEP.

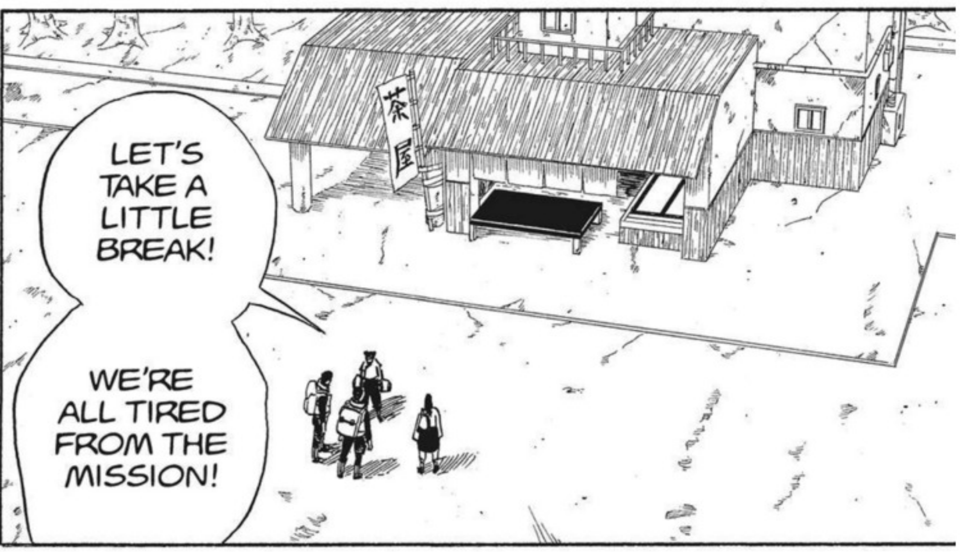

SKUTTL SKUTTL


HUF
HUF



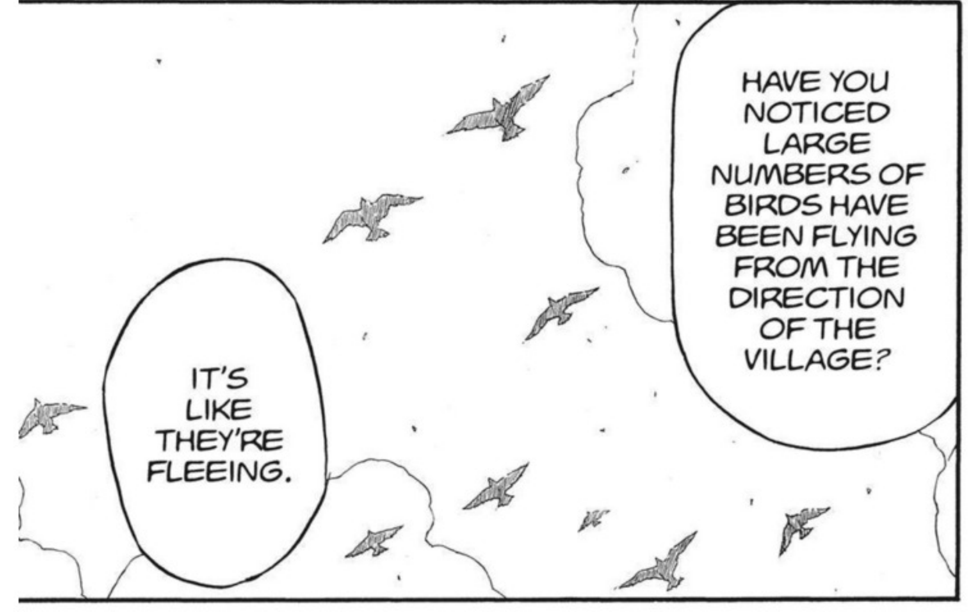
SHINO, WE'RE GOING TO EXTERMIN-ATE HER. **FULL POWER.**
SKOOF
YES.


...


茶屋
LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREAK!
WE'RE ALL TIRED FROM THE MISSION!

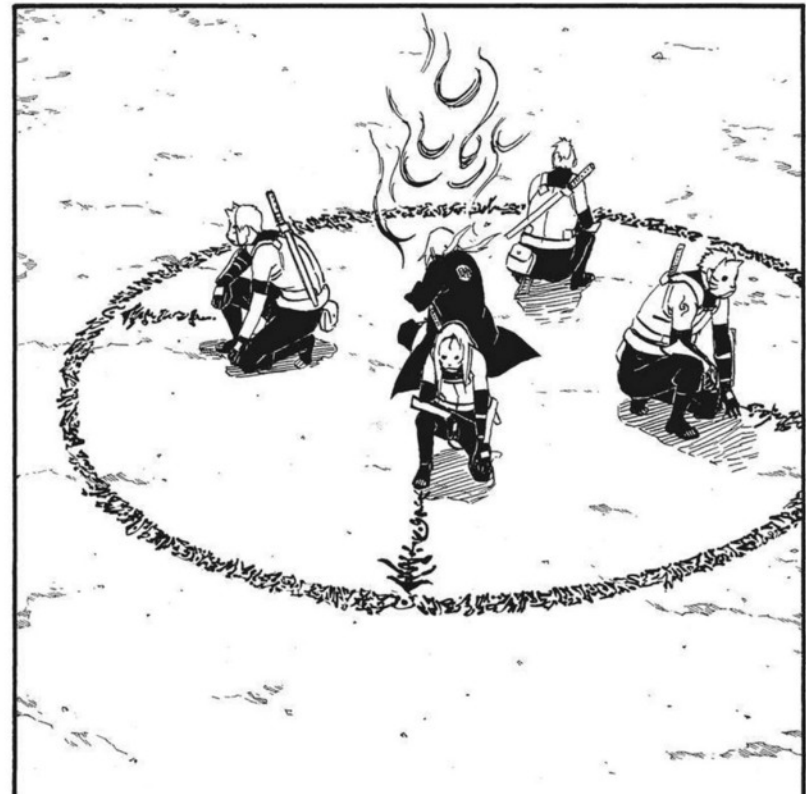

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, MASTER GUY?


HAVE YOU NOTICED LARGE NUMBERS OF BIRDS HAVE BEEN FLYING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE VILLAGE?
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE FLEEING.


IT MAKES ME UNEASY TOO...
WE OUGHT TO JUST HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE VILLAGE.
WHAT?!

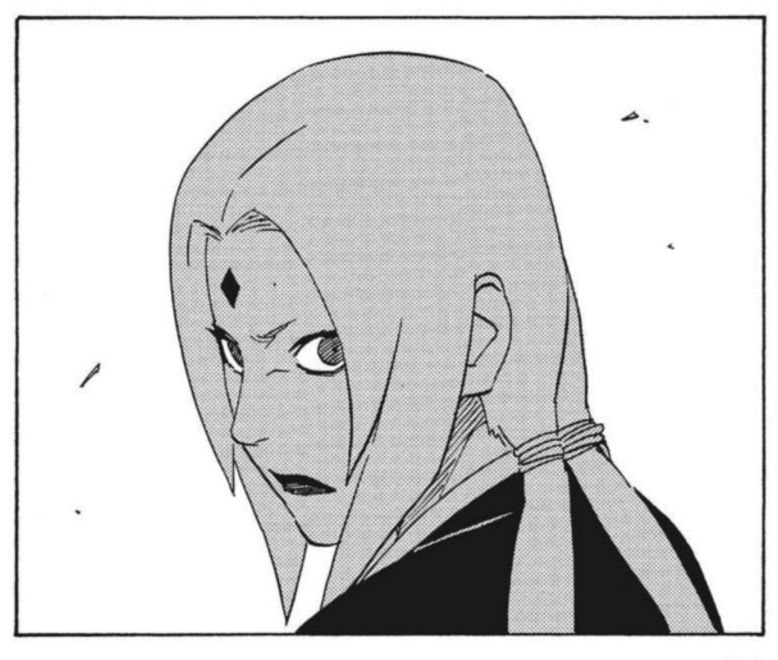

WE GO NOW!!

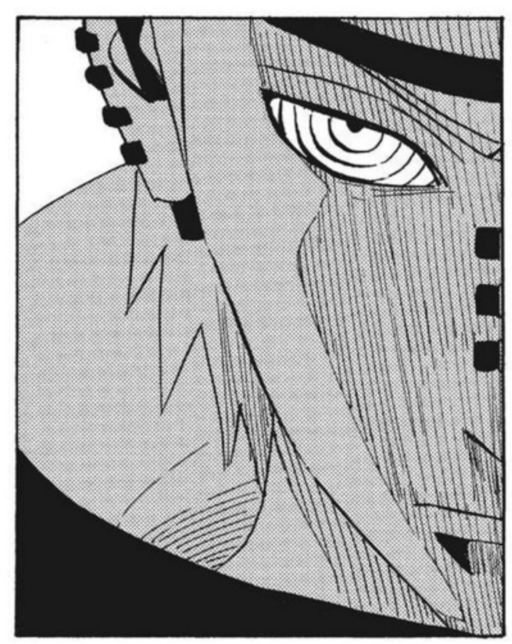



FLAP

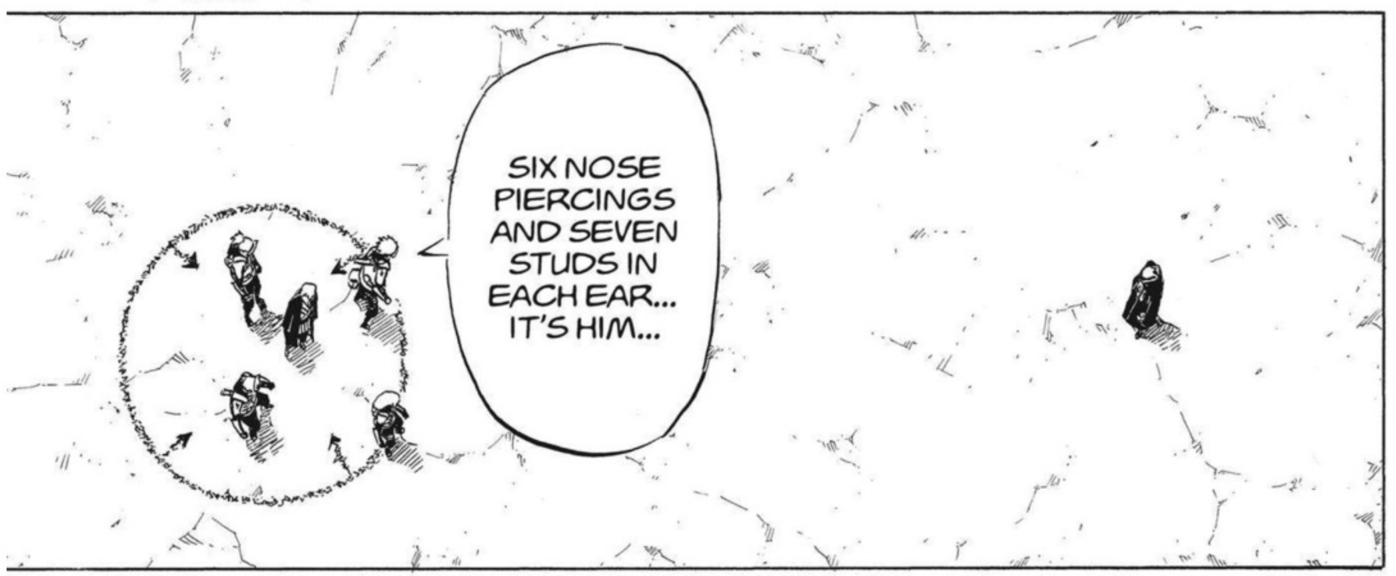
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FSSH
FSSH

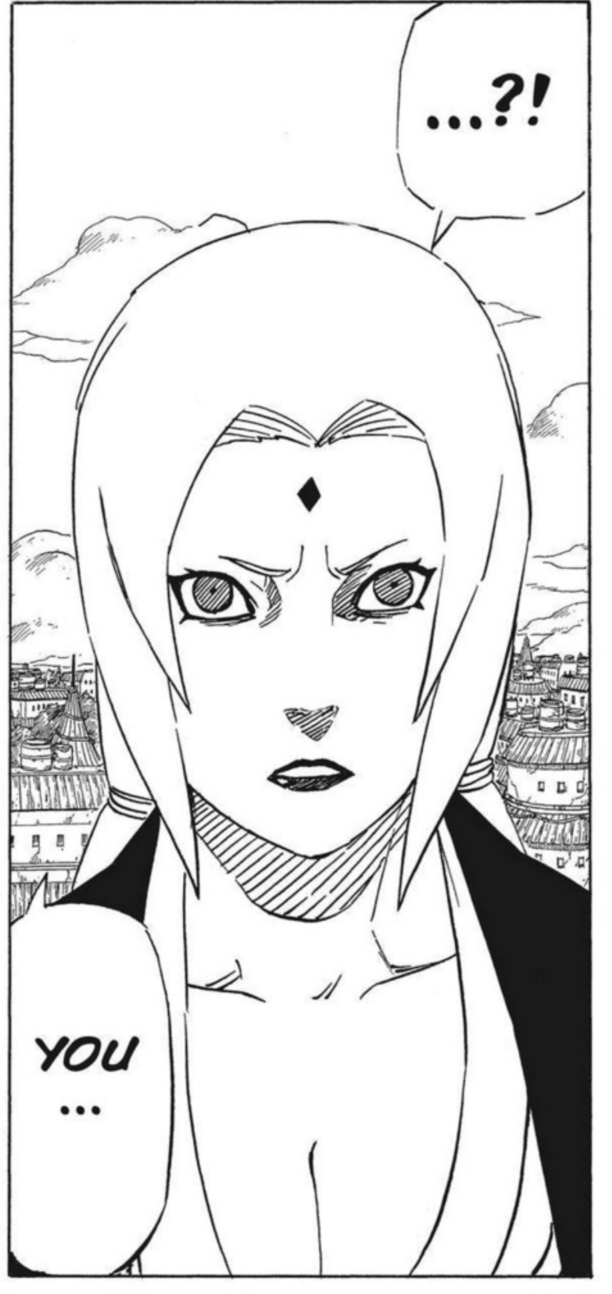
BEHIND YOU!
!
!
SHUP
SSH






READ
THIS
WAY


SIX NOSE PIERCINGS AND SEVEN STUDS IN EACH EAR... IT'S HIM...


...?!
YOU ...

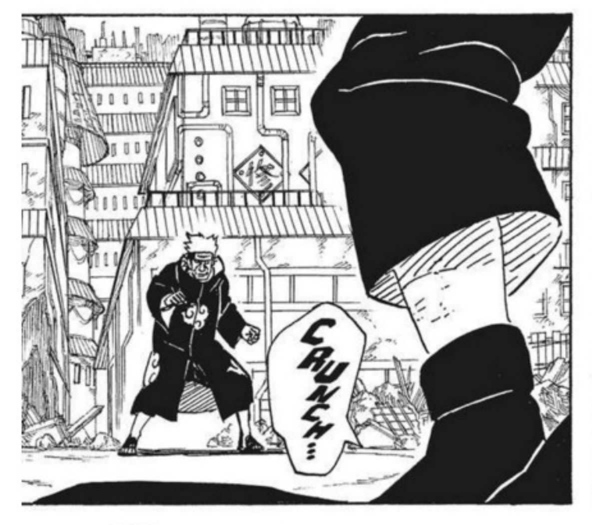

LONG TIME NO SEE, LADY TSUNADE ...
...THE LAST REMAINING MEMBER OF THE PRODIGAL THREE.

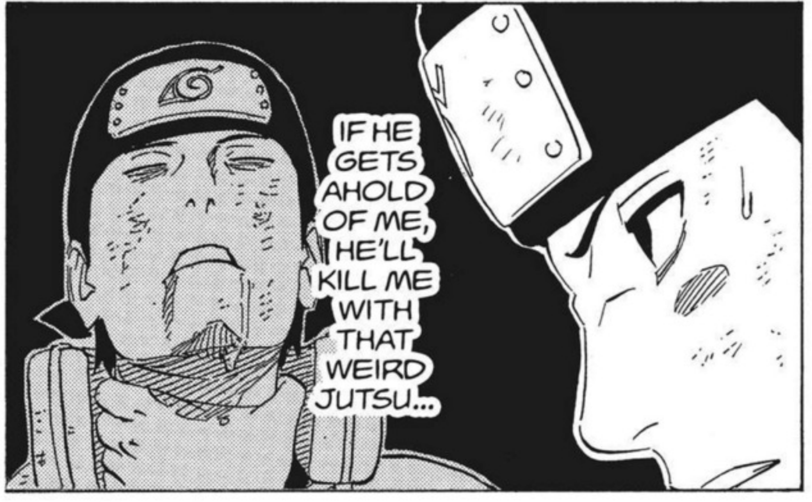


Number 428: Discourse

WHP
HUF
HUF

CHAK
IN ANY CASE, I CAN'T LET HIM GET AHOLD OF ME.
...
FSSH
HUF
WHP






TMP
?!
SHP...
SWSH
GAH!!
CHAK
ZWOO
?!
TAK
KONOHA-MARU!



ARGH!!
GGH
MASTER...!!
TELL ME! IS UZUMAKI NARUTO PRESENT IN THIS VILLAGE?
UGH!!
THOOM
HUH... SO YOU CAN SEE THIS THING IF HE TOUCHES YOU...!
NOW ANSWER ME.
ZWOO...

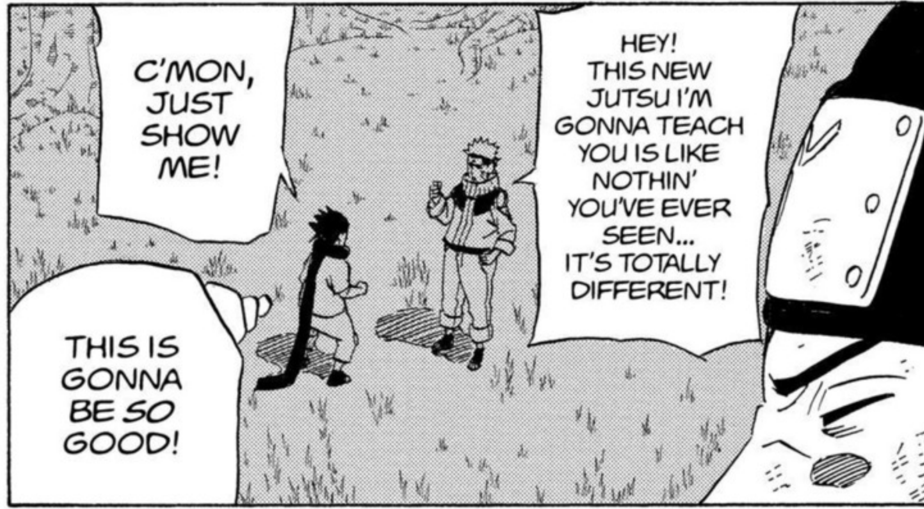







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ZWOOOO

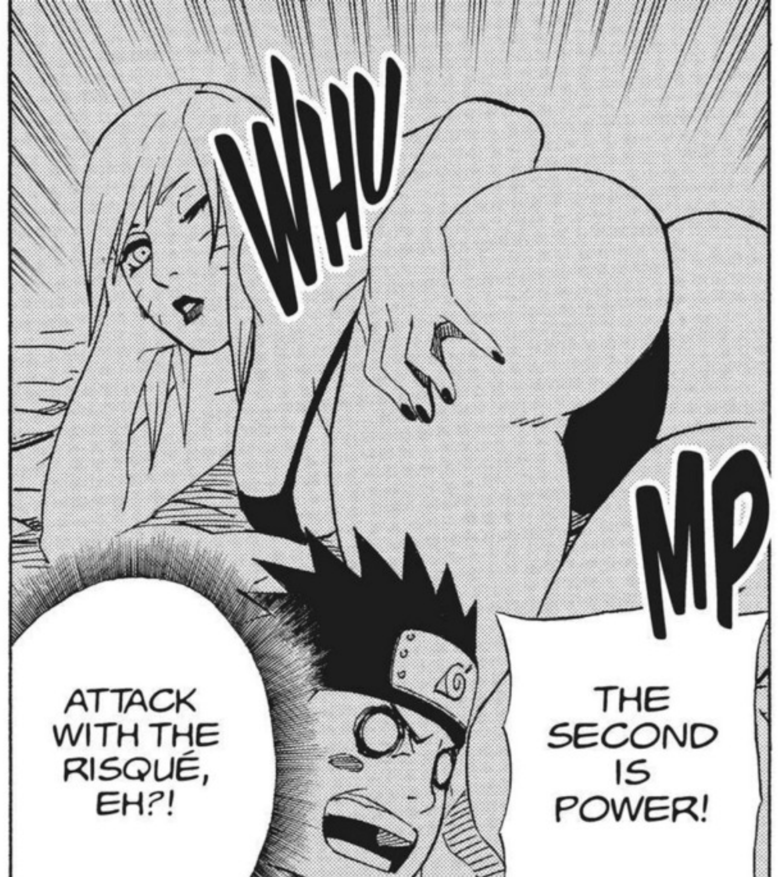

HUF
UGH ... GGH ...
HUF
KONOHA-MARU...!
GLOP GLOP

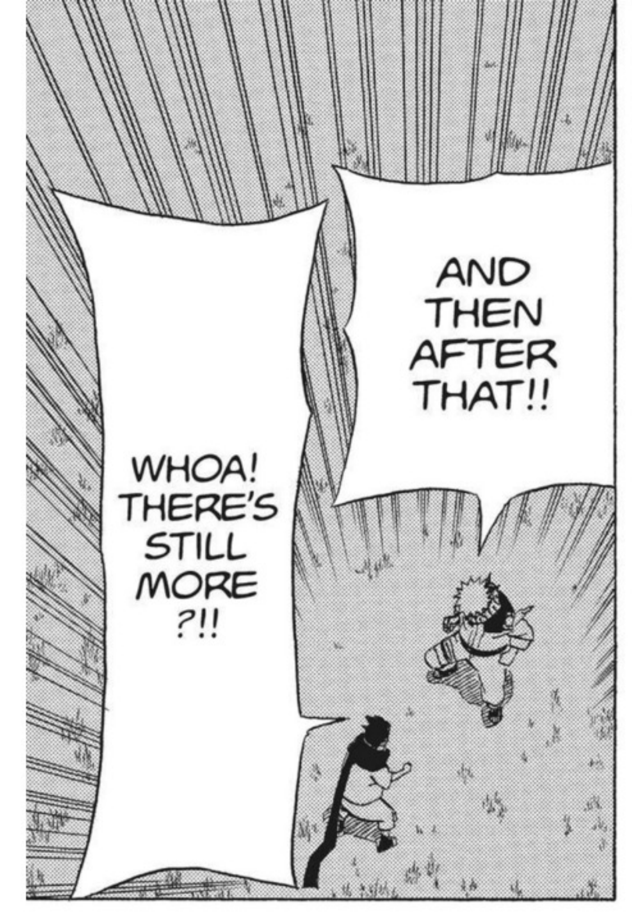

HEY! THIS NEW JUTSU I'M GONNA TEACH YOU IS LIKE NOTHIN' YOU'VE EVER SEEN... IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT!
C'MON, JUST SHOW ME!
THIS IS GONNA BE SO GOOD!


TELL ME QUICKLY... OR SUFFER THE CONSE-QUENCE.


THE FIRST STEP IS ROTATION!


WE'RE GOING TO ADD MOTION, EH?!
Twirl
Twirl


WHU
MP
THE SECOND IS POWER!
ATTACK WITH THE RISQUÉ, EH?!


AND THEN AFTER THAT!!
WHOA! THERE'S STILL MORE ?!!


THE FINAL STEP IS CONTAIN-MENT!!
THE MOST POINTS GO TO THE BEST EXPRESSION, EH!!
SP
LISH

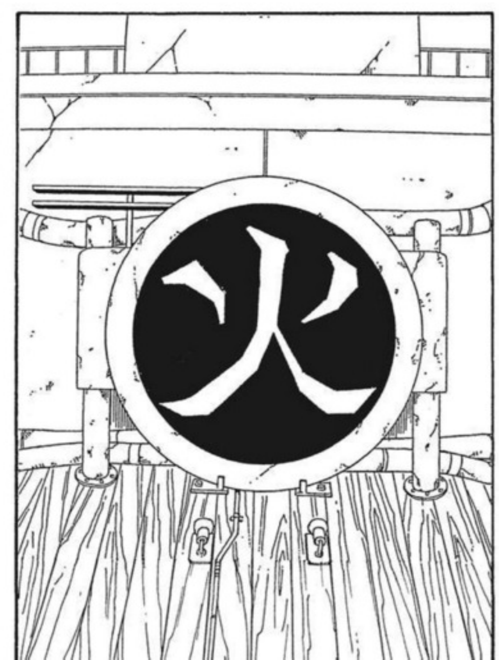

?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS A-RANKED JUTSU!
?


BO
OF
SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ...!
!!
SUPER-ADVANCED NINJUTSU THAT COMBINES CHAKRA ROTATION, POWER, AND CONTAIN-MENT...

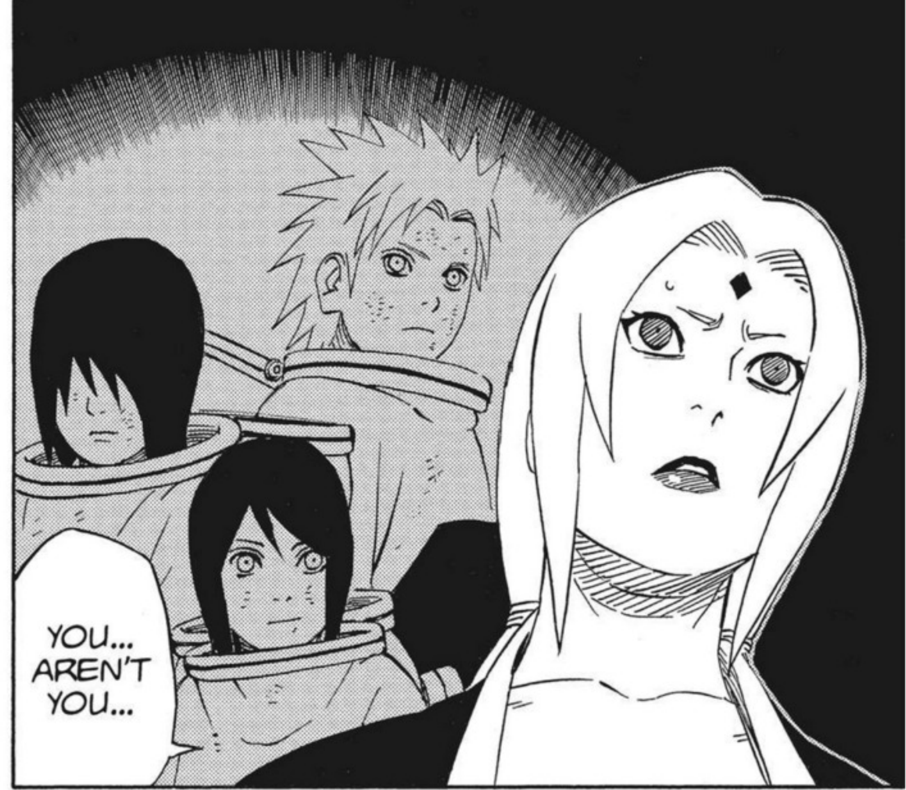

RASEN-
GAN!!!



G-G-G-G-G
BOOF
WHEN DID HE LEARN ...?
I AM A JUNIOR NINJA OF THE SARUTOBI CLAN, HONORED WITH THE NAME OF THIS VILLAGE!
MY SURNAME IS SARUTOBI!! MY GIVEN NAME, KONOHAMARU!!
REMEMBER ME!!!






YOU... AREN'T YOU...


...THAT KID...


YOU REMEMBER.
YOU KNOW HIM?
I DO...
WHO OR WHAT IS HE?


...

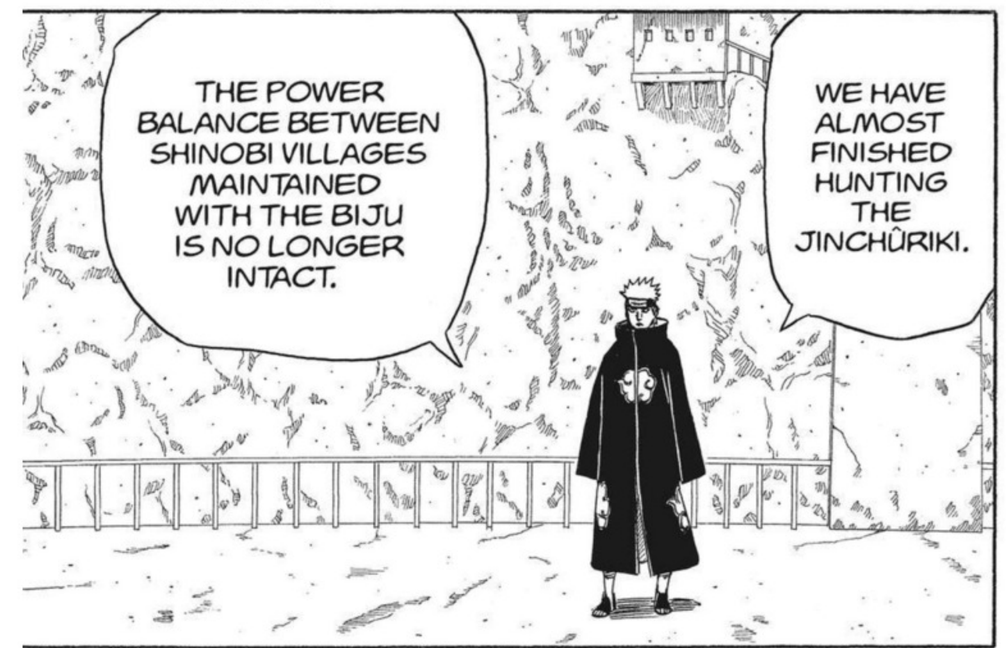

A GOD WHO RESTORES ORDER.


NOT SO ORDINARY THEN, HUNH?


WHERE IS UZUMAKI NARUTO... WHERE IS THE NINE TAILS?


READ THIS WAY


NO ONE KNOWS...


WE HAVE ALMOST FINISHED HUNTING THE JINCHÛRIKI.
THE POWER BALANCE BETWEEN SHINOBI VILLAGES MAINTAINED WITH THE BIJU IS NO LONGER INTACT.


IT'S MEANING-LESS TO CONTINUE HARBORING THE NINE TAILS...
CONFLICTS ARE GOING TO BREAK OUT PRESENTLY.
THE KINDLING COALS OF WAR ARE SMOLDERING EVERY-WHERE.


AND WE SHALL CONTROL THOSE WARS.
IF YOU COOPERATE WITH US, WE WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO HELPING YOU.
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A SENSE OF OUR STRENGTH NOW.


DO NOT MOCK US FIVE SHADOWS!
WE WILL NEVER TRUST ANYTHING YOU SAY, YOU TERRORISTS WHO SEEK TO DESTROY THE PEACE AND STABILITY OUR PREDECESSORS OBTAINED...
...AND HAVE STRIVED TO MAINTAIN UNTIL NOW!!



YOU ARE ARRO-GANT.

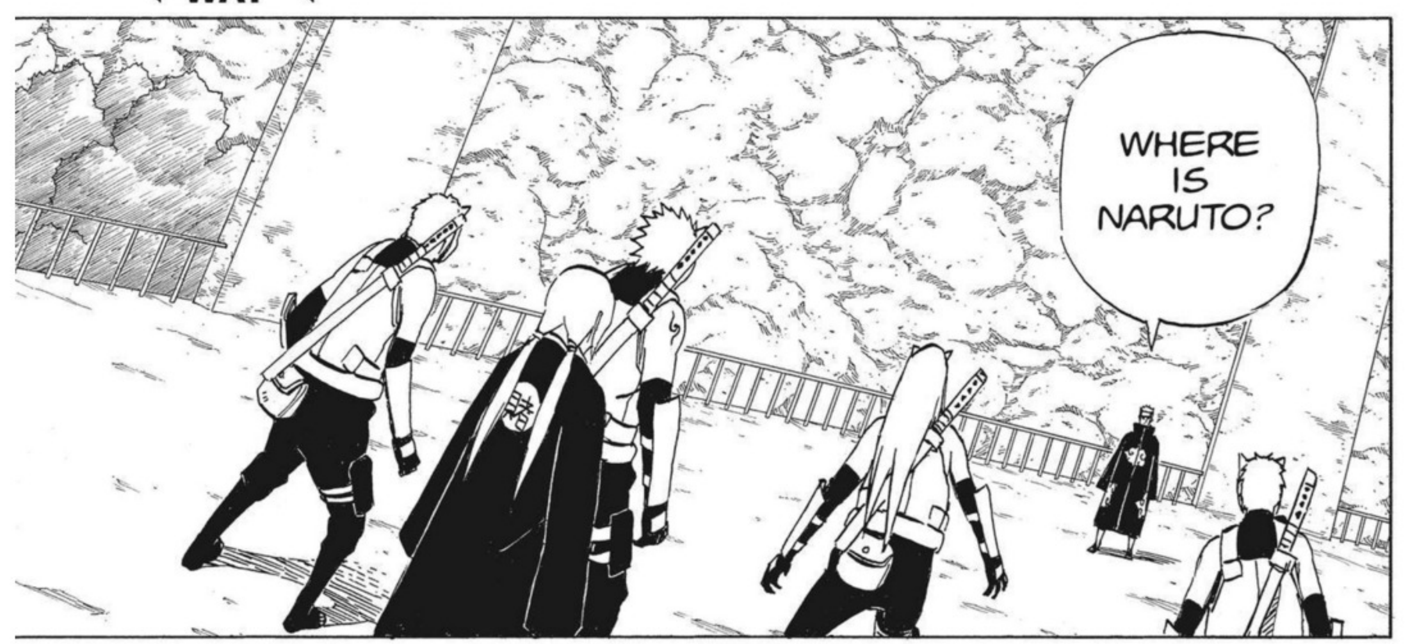









READ
THIS
WAY


WHERE IS NARUTO?


...


WE WILL HOLD YOU BACK WITH ALL WE HAVE!
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TO YOU!
EXCEPT YOU ARE WRONG ABOUT ONE THING FOR SURE.


...


WHAT YOU DESIRE MOST YOU SHALL NEVER HAVE!


IF YOU THINK THAT KONOHA SHINOBI CAN SUCCESSFULLY PROTECT NARUTO...
NO.

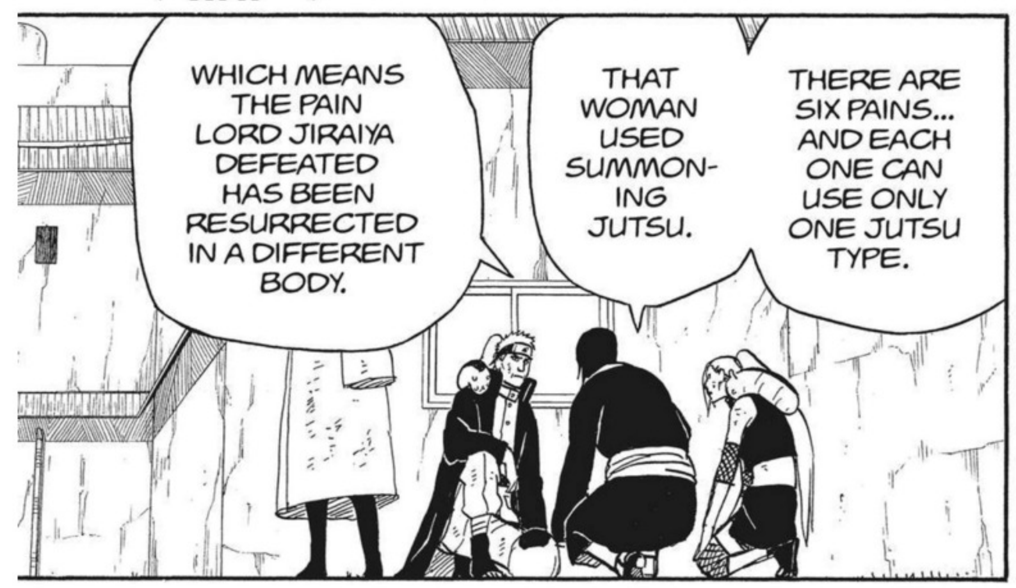

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NARUTO IS...
... STRONGER THAN YOU KNOW.





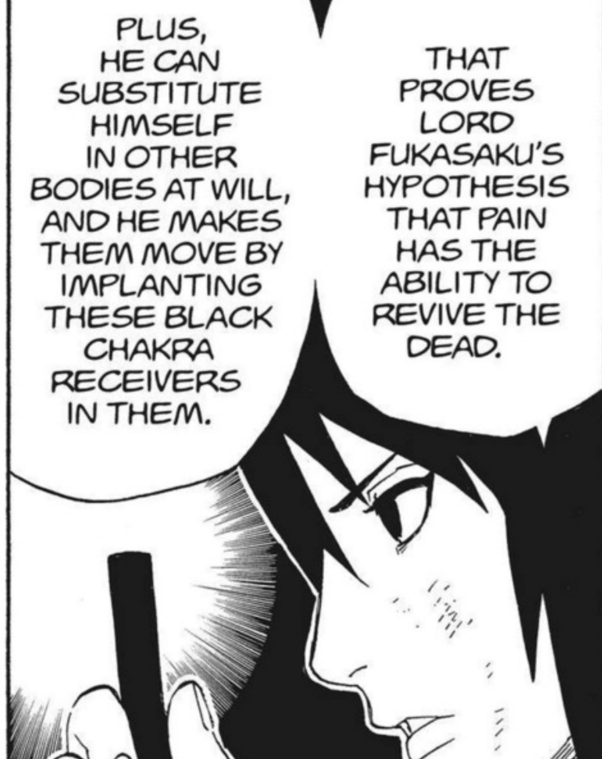
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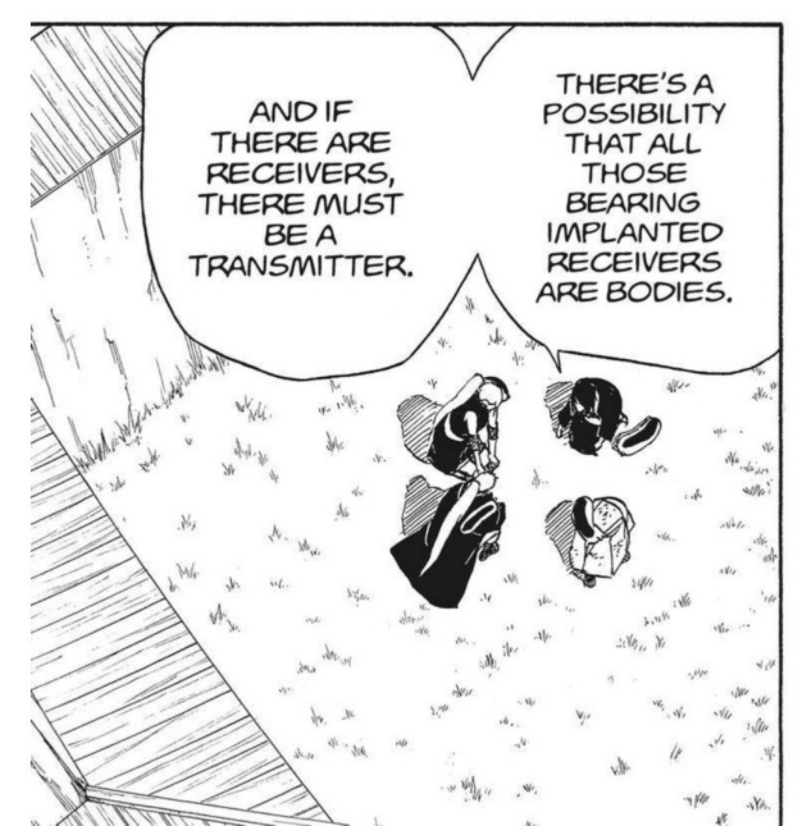




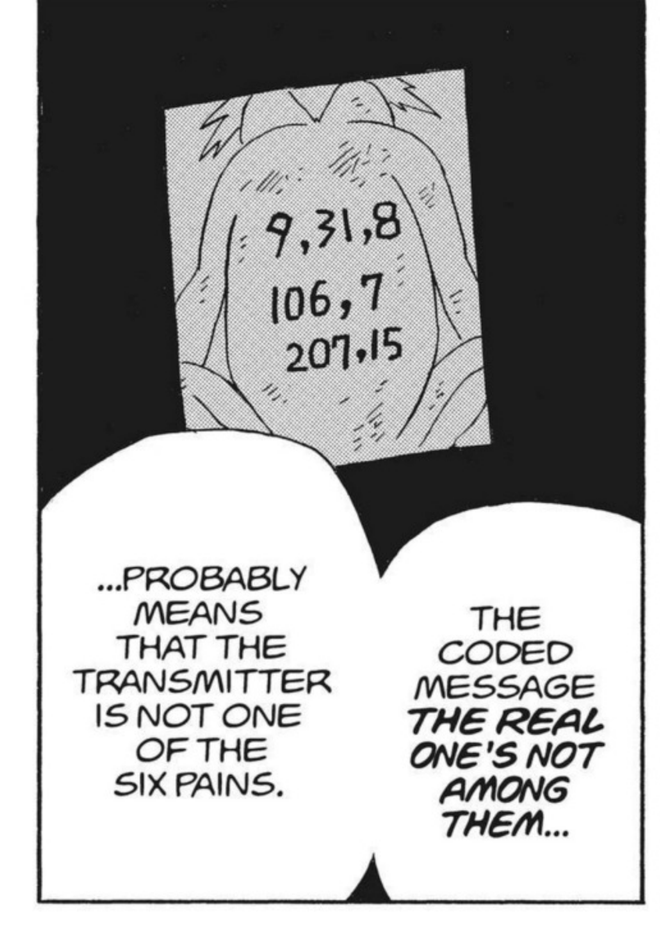


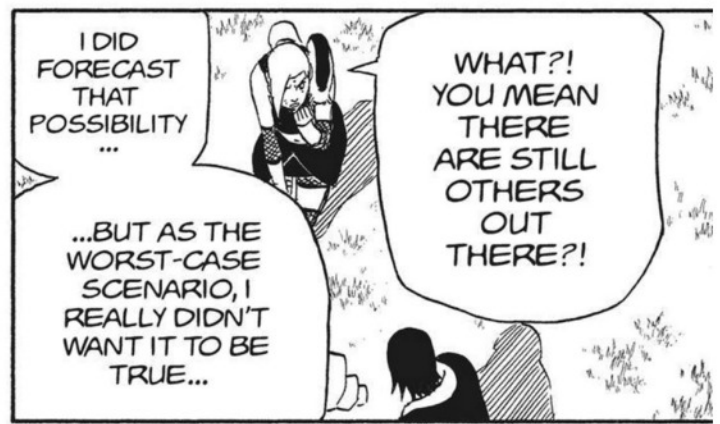




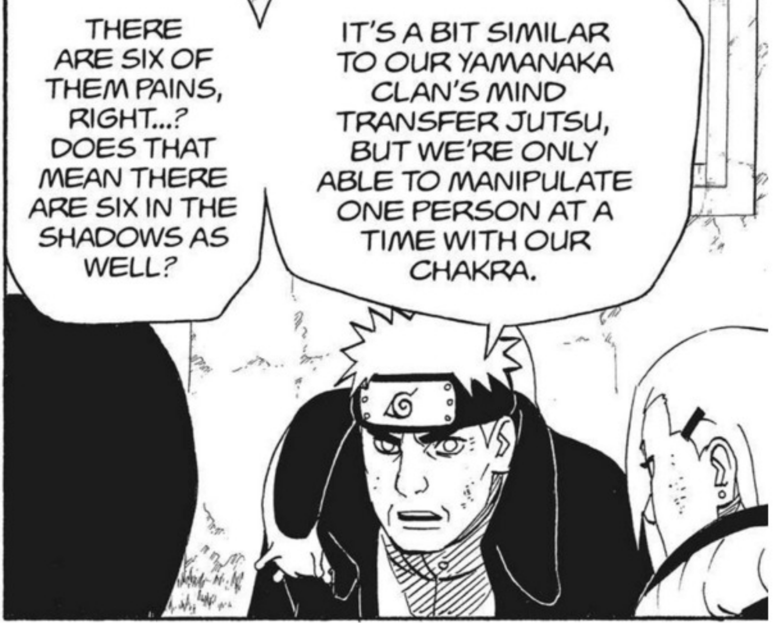


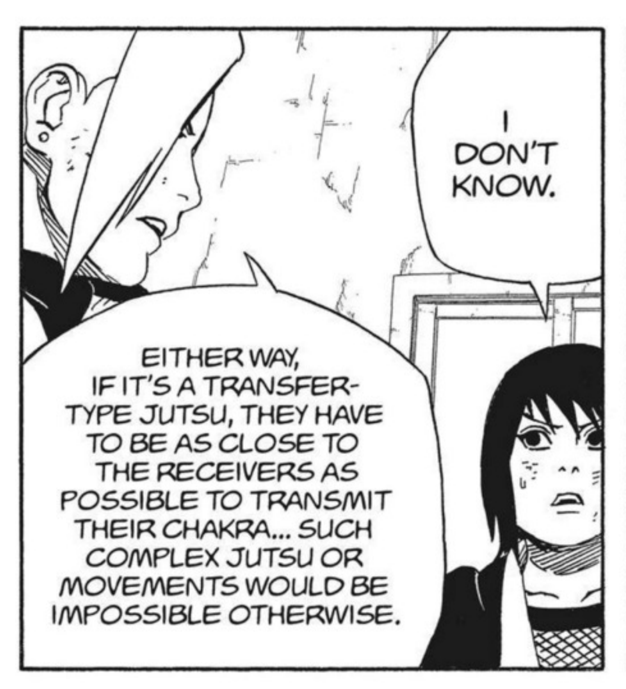

SO...
...IT MEANS THAT THERE IS SOMEONE TRANSMITTING CHAKRA SIGNALS FROM THE SHADOWS TO MANIPULATE THESE BODIES.


9,31,8
106,7
207,15
THE CODED MESSAGE **THE REAL ONE'S NOT AMONG THEM...**
...PROBABLY MEANS THAT THE TRANSMITTER IS NOT ONE OF THE SIX PAINS.


WHAT?! YOU MEAN THERE ARE STILL OTHERS OUT THERE?!
I DID FORECAST THAT POSSIBILITY ...
...BUT AS THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, I REALLY DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE TRUE...


AND THAT SOMEONE HAS CONSIDERABLE CHAKRA...
...TO BE ABLE TO REMOTELY CONTROL THIS MANY BODIES THIS FREELY USING JUST THEIR CHAKRA...

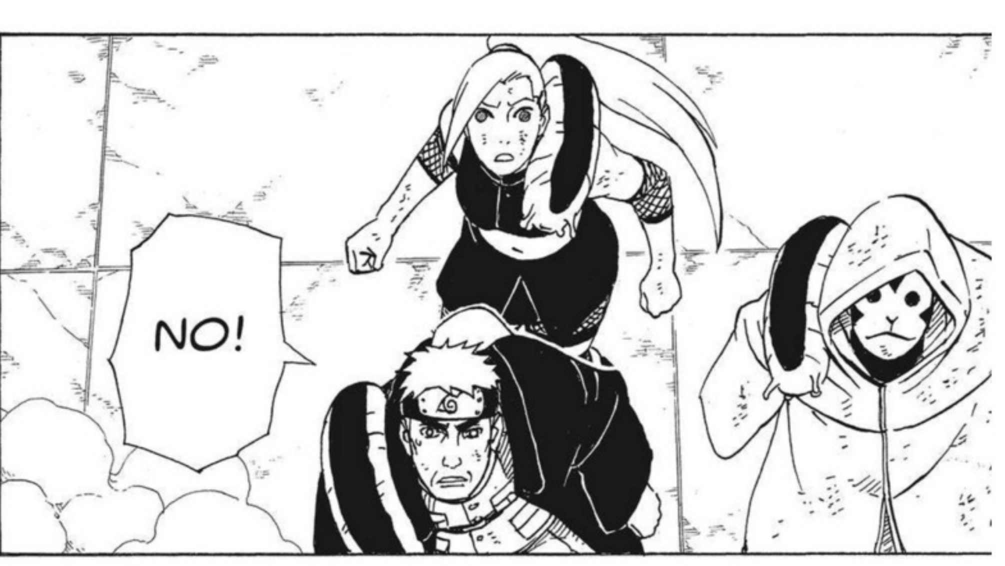

IT'S A BIT SIMILAR TO OUR YAMANAKA CLAN'S MIND TRANSFER JUTSU, BUT WE'RE ONLY ABLE TO MANIPULATE ONE PERSON AT A TIME WITH OUR CHAKRA.
THERE ARE SIX OF THEM PAINS, RIGHT...? DOES THAT MEAN THERE ARE SIX IN THE SHADOWS AS WELL?


I DON'T KNOW.
EITHER WAY, IF IT'S A TRANSFER-TYPE JUTSU, THEY HAVE TO BE AS CLOSE TO THE RECEIVERS AS POSSIBLE TO TRANSMIT THEIR CHAKRA... SUCH COMPLEX JUTSU OR MOVEMENTS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE OTHERWISE.


READ THIS WAY


THEY MUST BE HIDING SOME-WHERE NEAR KONOHA, BUT...
WE SHOULD NOTIFY LADY TSUNADE IMMEDIATELY AND FORM A SEARCH PARTY FOR THE SHADOW PA...
!!
?!
WHAT ?!
TMP
HOW DID WE NOT NOTICE HIM?!
FSH
BOOM
SCREEECH


!
!
!

DO NOT MOVE... OR SHE DIES.

NO!

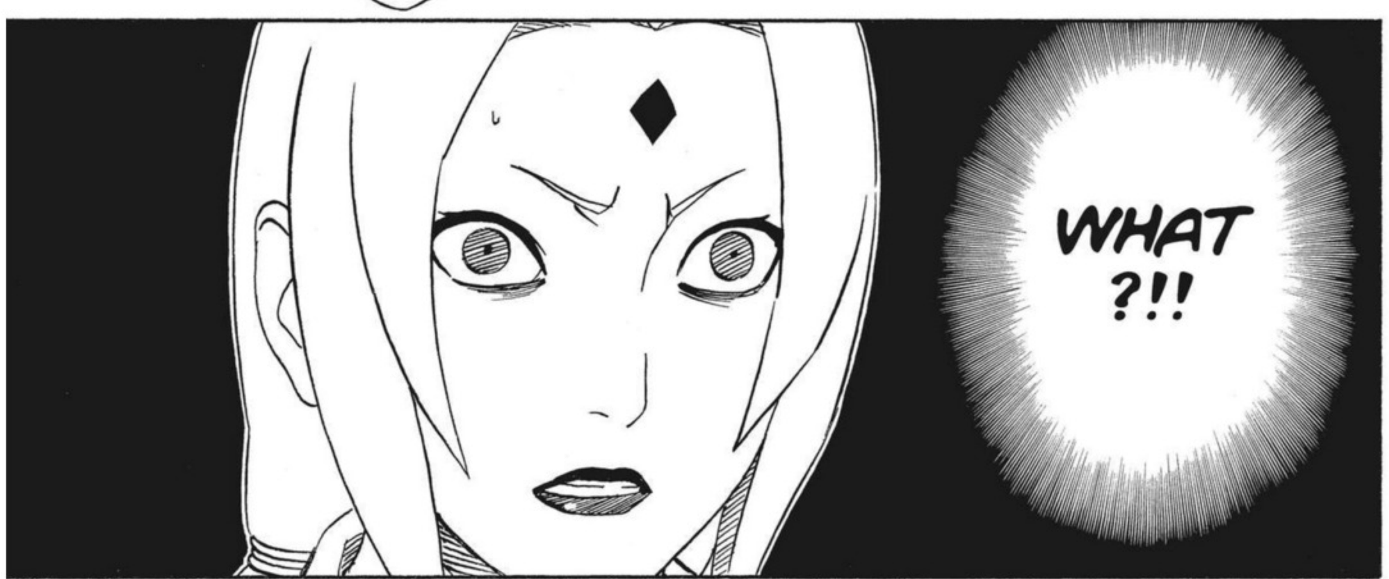
GRRRR


IT'S THE SAME JUTSU AS FATHER'S !!
BUT HE WAS ABLE TO SEARCH HER MIND IN SECONDS WITHOUT ANY DEVICE...?!!

... MOUNT ...MYO-BOKU.

UNH ...

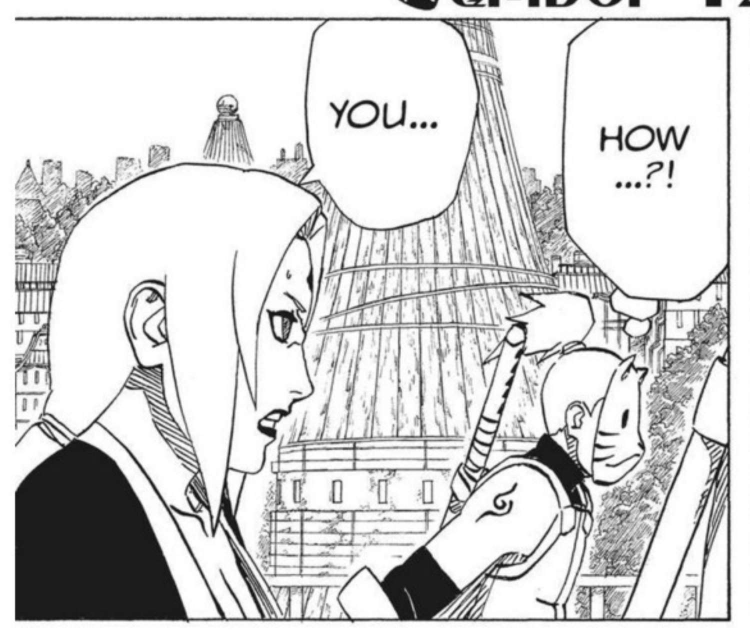
NARUTO IS NOT HERE.
MOUNT MYO-BOKU...


WHAT ?!!


NARUTO

Number 429: Know Pain





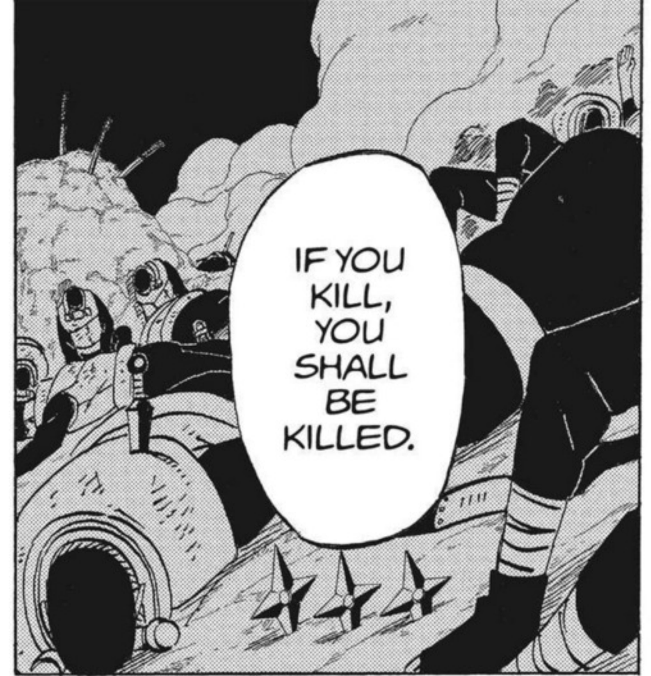








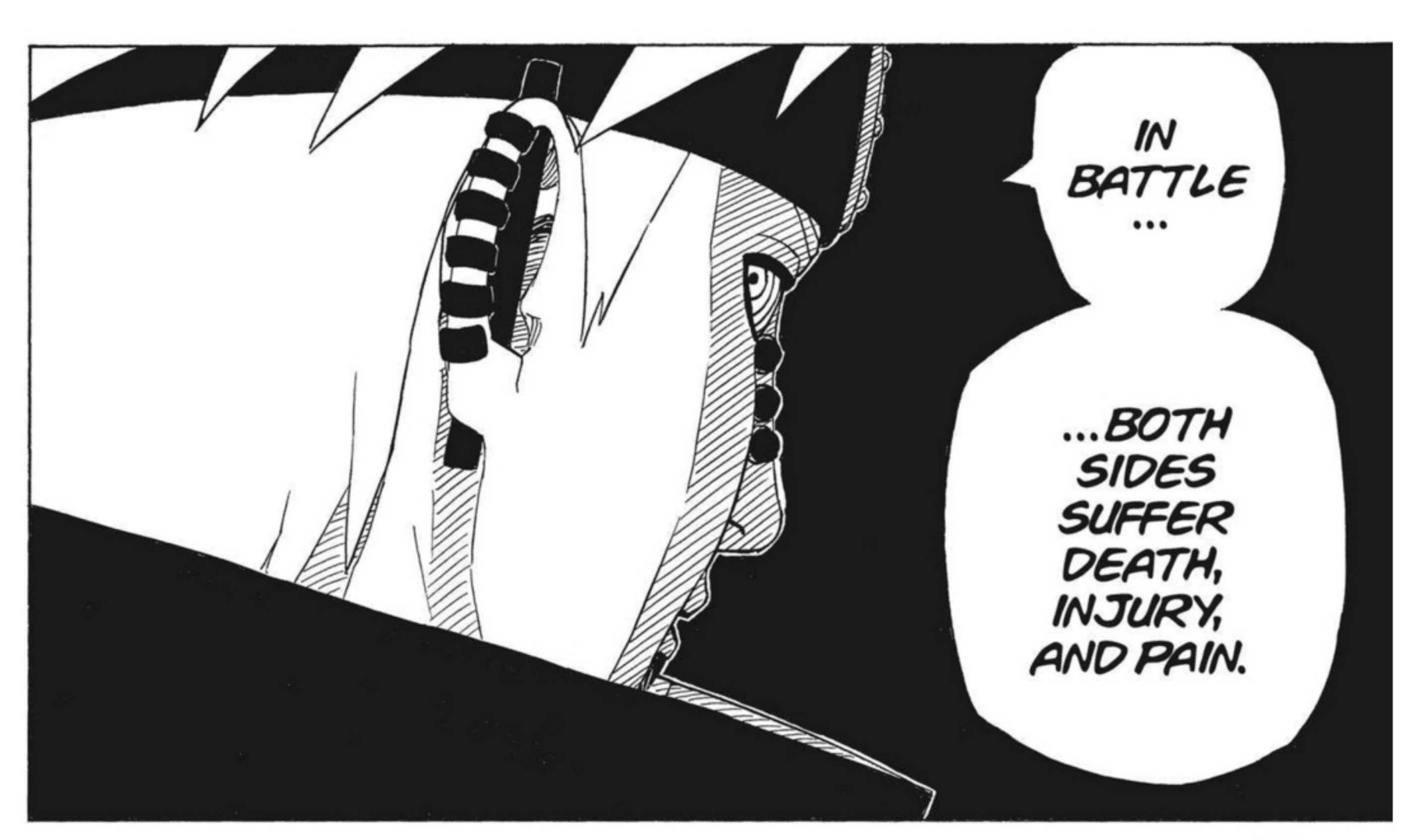



IF YOU KILL, YOU SHALL BE KILLED.


...THINK OF YOURSELVES AS THE MAIN FORCES OF THIS WORLD...
...AND PUSH DEATH OUT OF YOUR THOUGHTS.
LULLED BY PEACE, YOU BECOME SHALLOW.


...HATRED CONNECTS THE TWO.


...
QUIT BABBLING SUCH NONSENSE ...


IN BATTLE ...
...BOTH SIDES SUFFER DEATH, INJURY, AND PAIN.



WE MAJOR NATIONS HAVE SUFFERED OUR SHARE OF PAIN!

HOW DARE YOU LAY FALSE CHARGES AND MAKE UNWAR-RANTED ATTACKS!

HOW ABSURD ...

SSH...

TMP

FEEL PAIN.

CONTEM-PLATE PAIN.

ACCEPT PAIN.

KNOW PAIN.

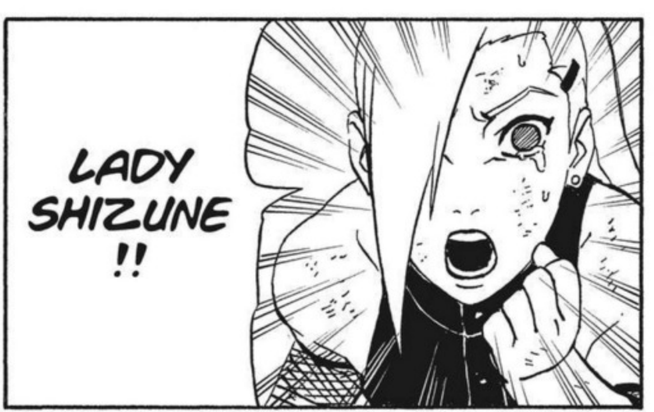
!

HE'S STILL PLANNING SOME-THING?!

THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW PAIN WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND TRUE PEACE.

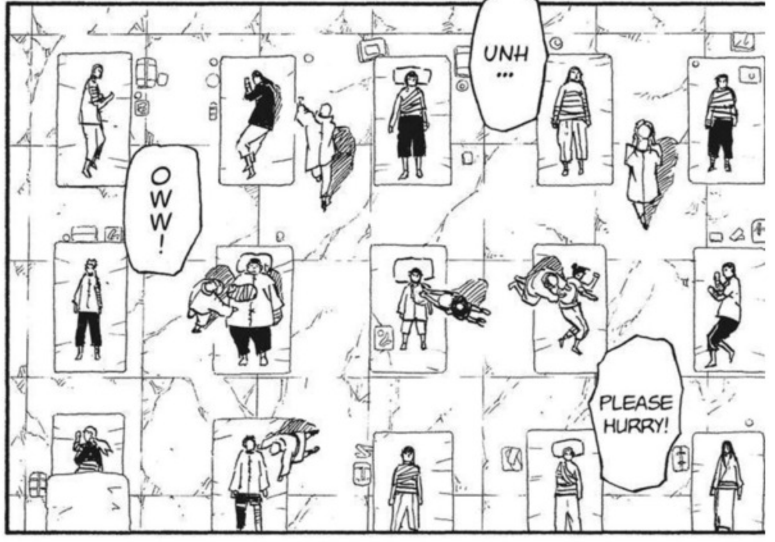
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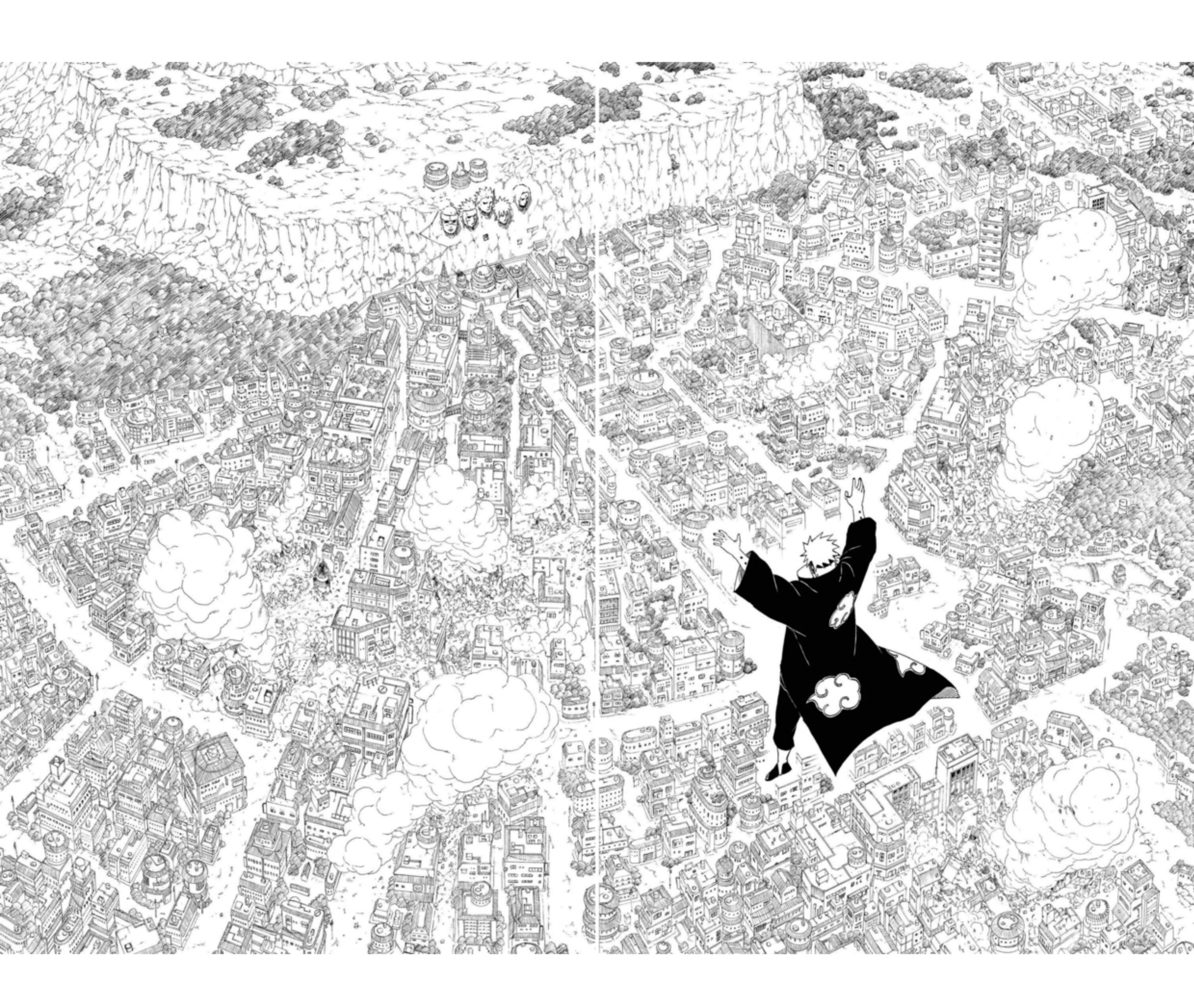

READ
THIS
WAY


Messenger Kosuke, Big Brother, got killeded, wah!
?
WHAT?!


Wah! His name's gone from the Register too...
ピーチ
ガマソープ
ガマスピード
アマチャーン


HUNH?!
DOES THAT MEAN SOMETHIN'S UP IN KONOHA?!


KAVOOSH
TAK
TAK
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'RE RETREAT-ING?



ZWSH

B- B- B- B- BOOF

ART OF SUMMONING!!

SLAP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'M GOING TO USE THAT JUTSU.

I'M COUNTIN' ON YA! YA MAKE SURE TO TELL MA!

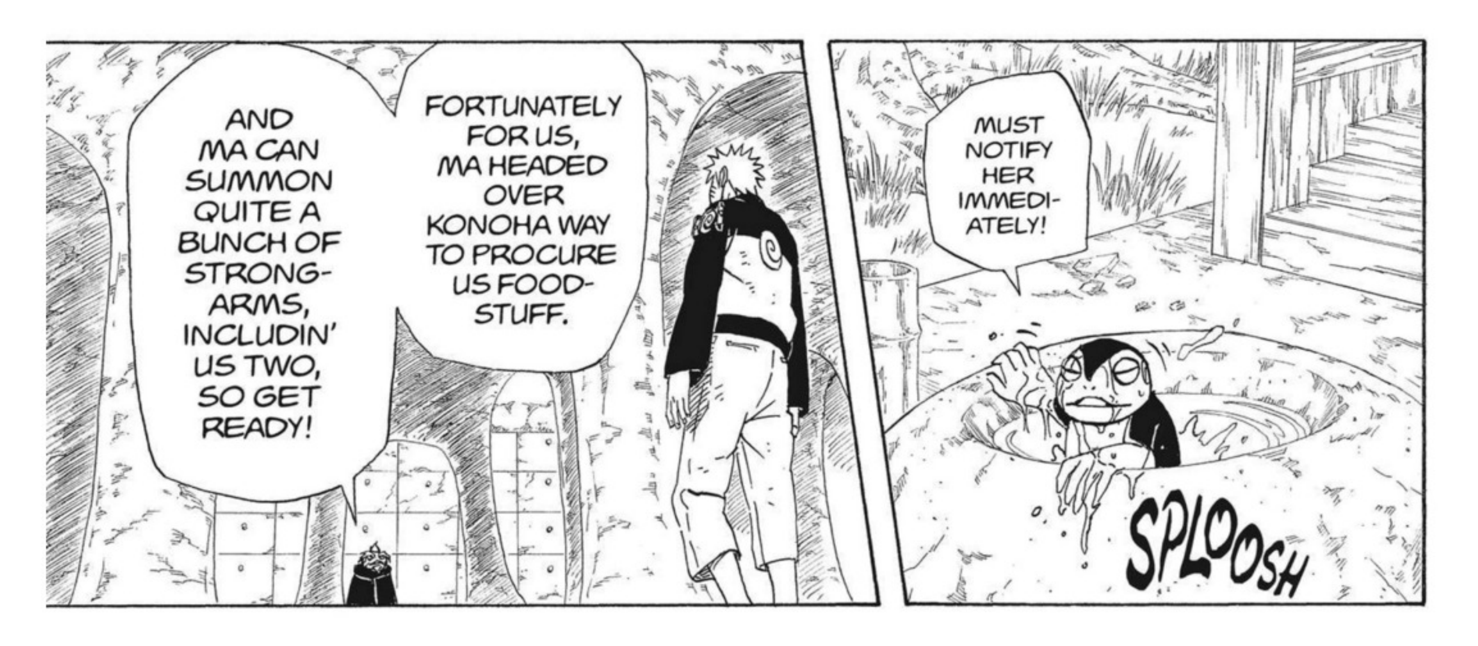
YES-SIR!






READ
THIS
WAY


IT SEEMS THEY'VE RETREATED.
YEAH ...
...BUT IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL SATIS-FYING.
UNH ...


MUST NOTIFY HER IMMEDI-ATELY!
SPLOOSH
FORTUNATELY FOR US, MA HEADED OVER KONOHA WAY TO PROCURE US FOOD-STUFF.
AND MA CAN SUMMON QUITE A BUNCH OF STRONG-ARMS, INCLUDIN' US TWO, SO GET READY!

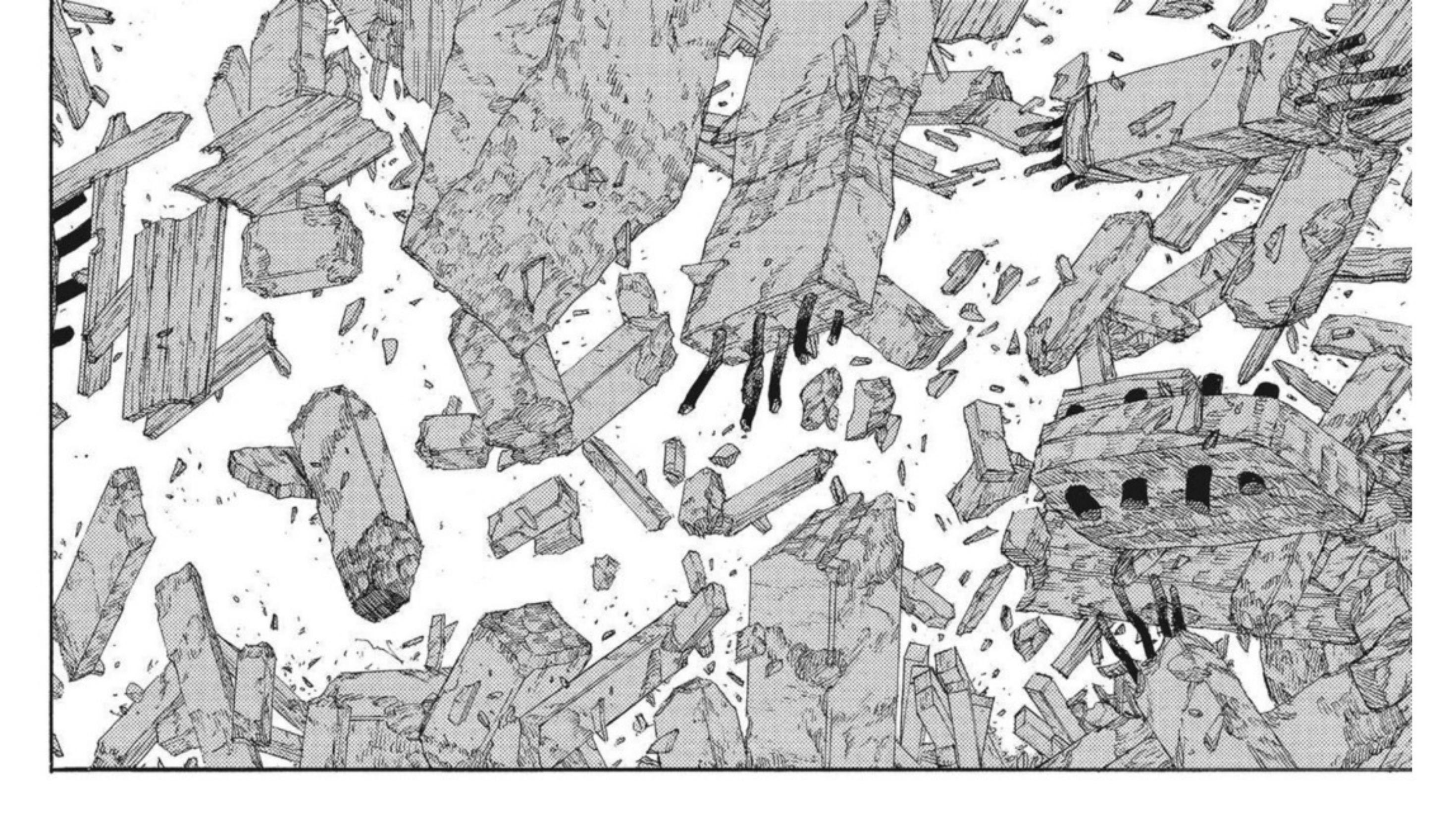
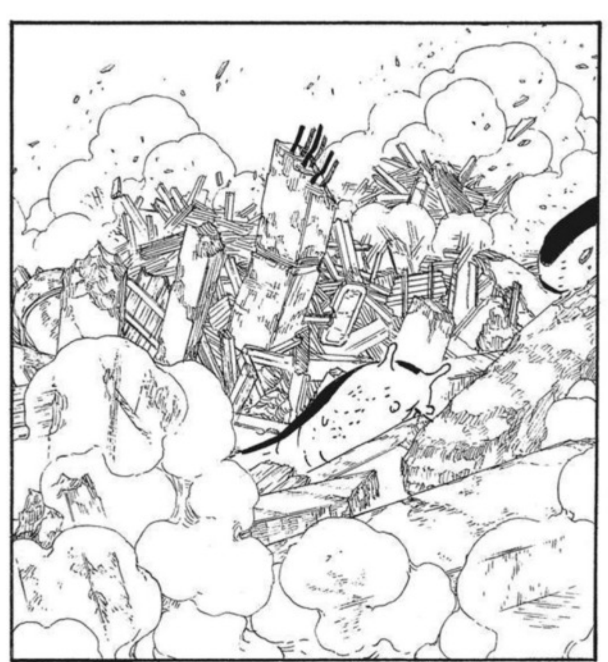

YES-SIR!
WHAT THE...
LADY SHIMA!

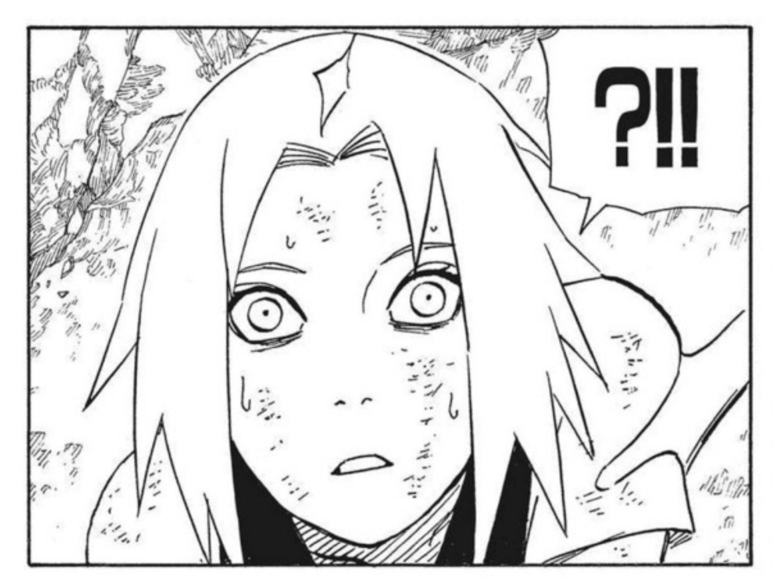
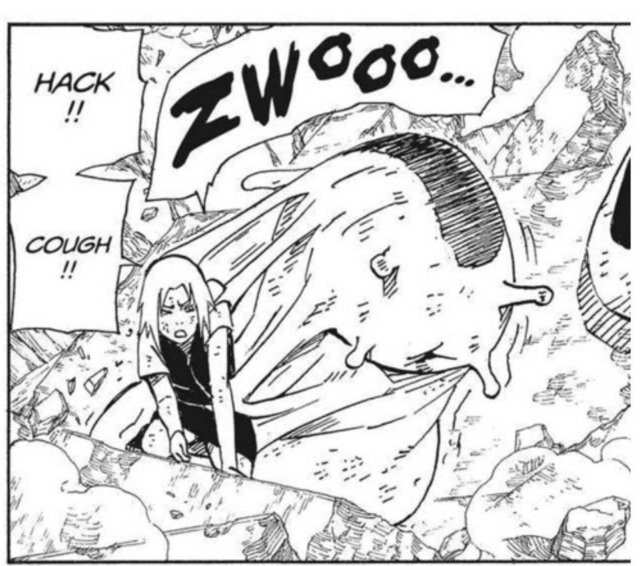

I'VE COME VIA THE DISTANCE-TELEPORTING POOL! A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM LORD FUKASAKU...
TO SUMMON THEM, EH...
NO! THAT JUTSU WILL SHORTEN YOUR LIFE!
...!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
YOU REALLY MEAN TO DO THIS, DON'T YOU...
... NAGATO.
NOW THIS WORLD SHALL KNOW PAIN.
ART OF SUMMONING!!!
SHOOM
PAIN !!


ALMIGHTY PUSH!

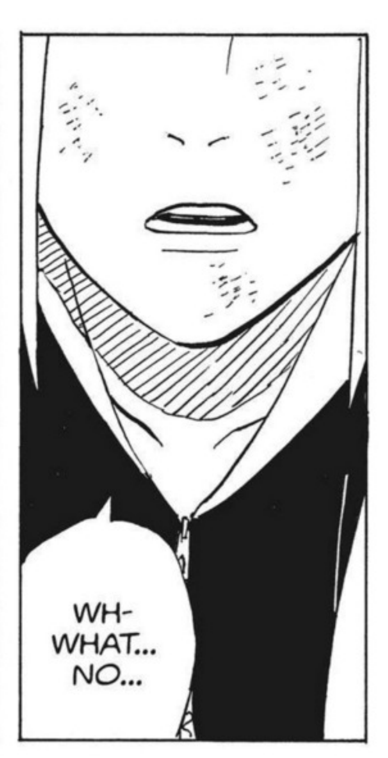


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THUD-THUD-THUD-THUD-THUD
THUD-
THUD-
THUD-
THUD

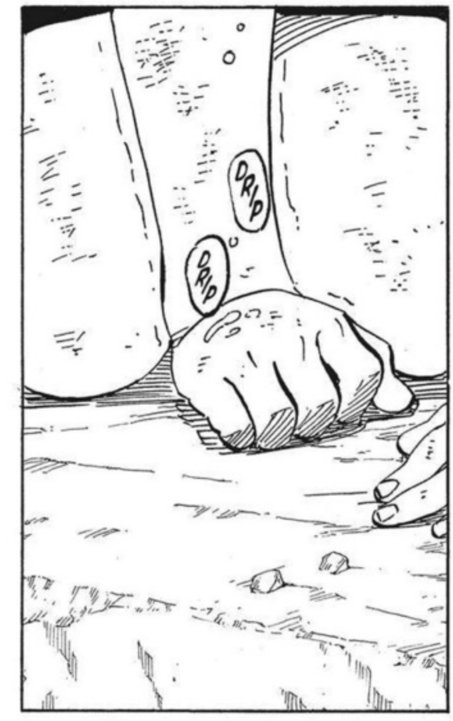



G-G-G-G-G-

?!!

ZWOOO...
HACK !!
COUGH !!


READ THIS WAY


WH-
WHAT...
NO...


SHIMMER...
WHY...
HOW...


DRIP
DRIP

NARUTO, HURRY!!
PLEASE, NARUTO!!
PHOOM
PHOOM
!

R-R-R-RUMBLE

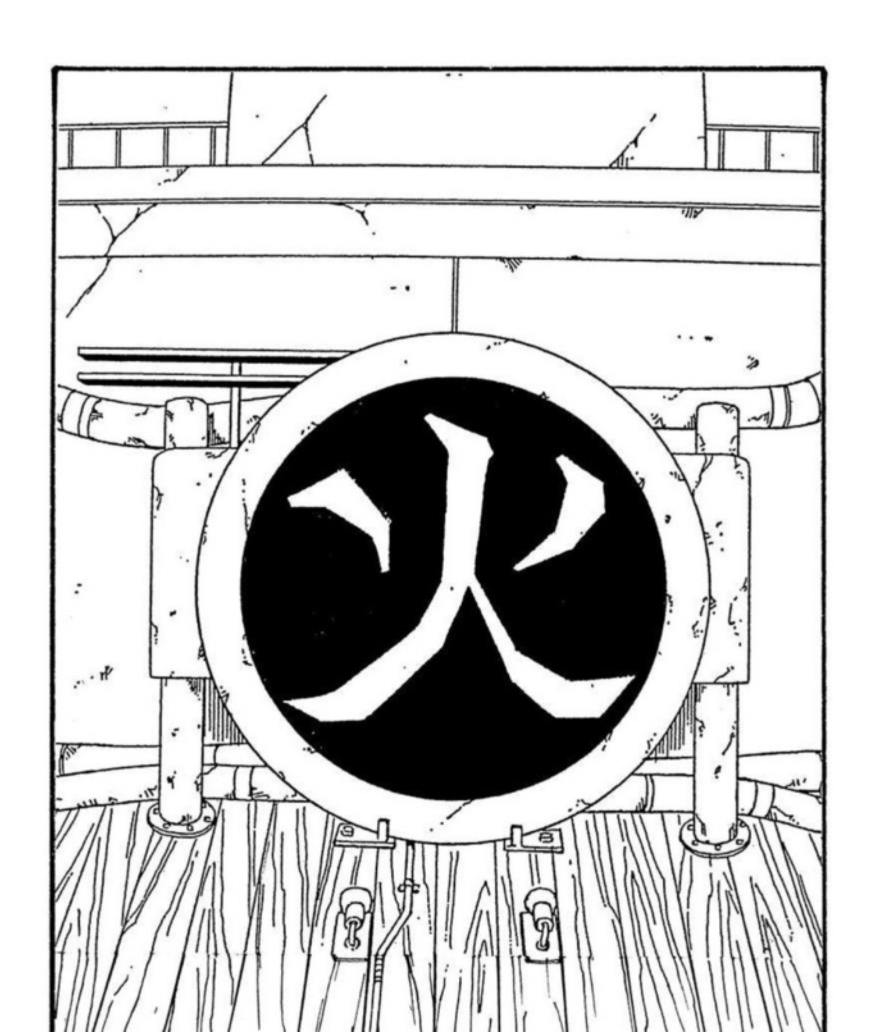
BOOF...


NARUTO


Number 430: Naruto Returns!!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM

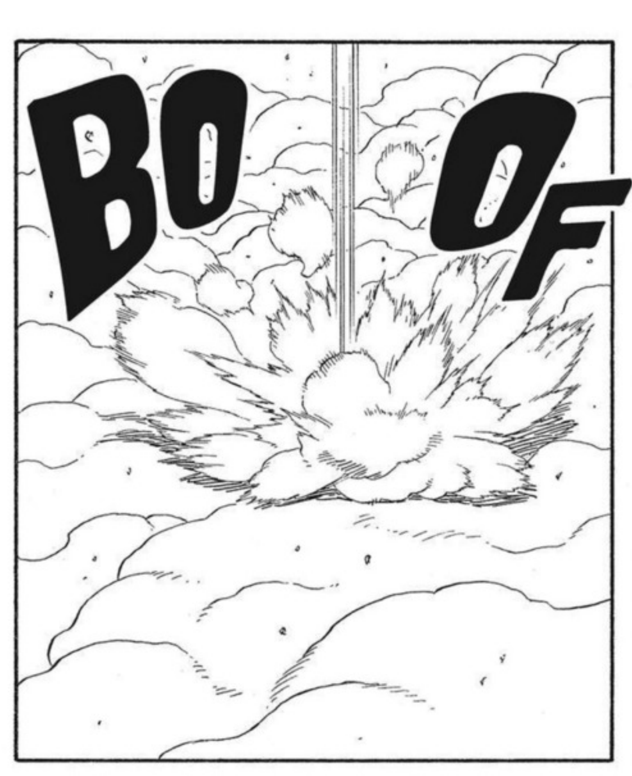

K-K-KLANG
Number 430: Naruto Returns!!


NARUTO


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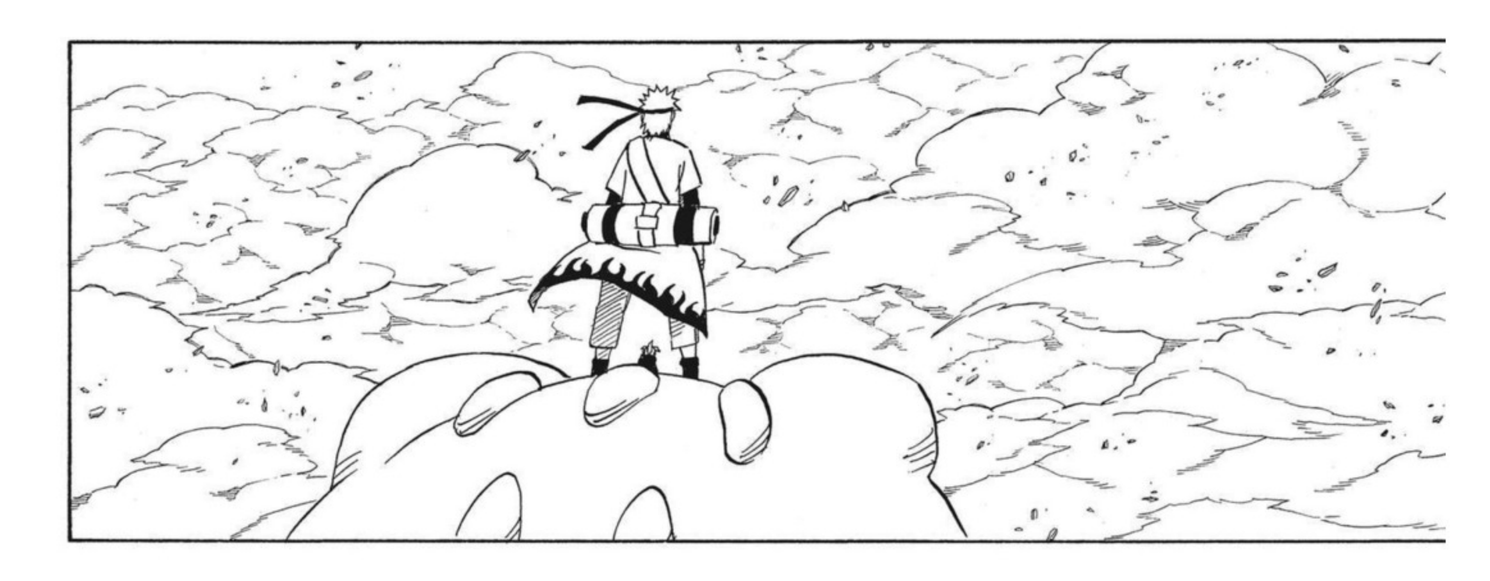



BOOF


TMP




...

WHERE... ARE WE?


WHERE'S THE ENEMY?!

!
TAK


READ
THIS
WAY

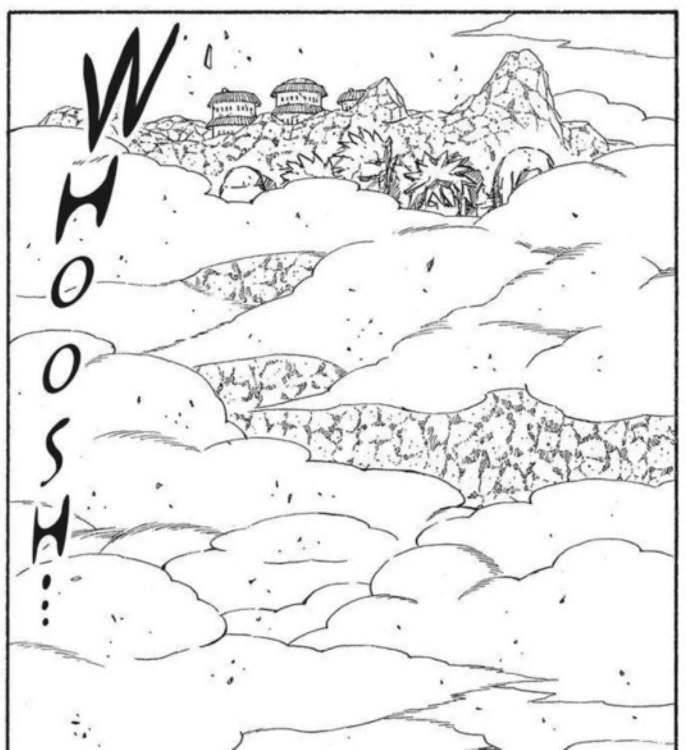

WHAT'S GOIN' ON, MA?!
WHY DIDN'T YA SUMMON US TO KONOHA?
TMP


?!


THIS *IS* THE VILLAGE OF KONOHA-GAKURE...

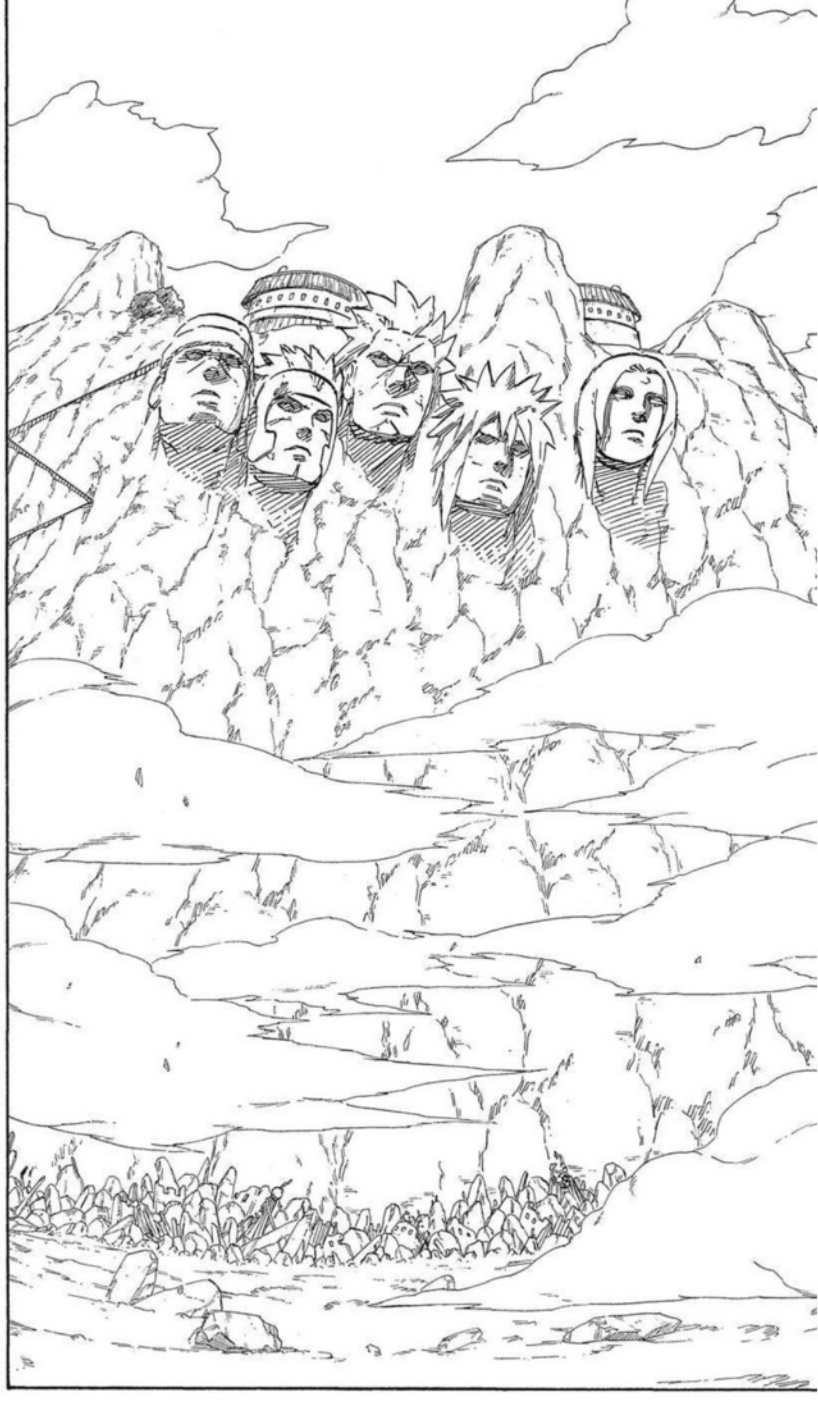

FWIP FWIP
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GRANNY SHIMA?!


LOOK REAL CLOSE AROUND YA.


WHOOOSH...


!!
NO WAY!


IT'S CLEAR WHO DID THIS...

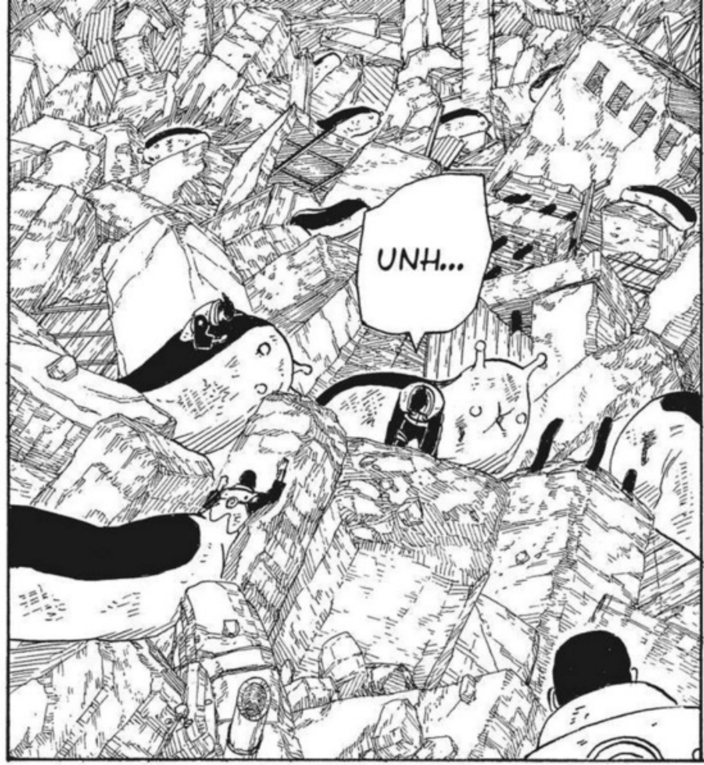


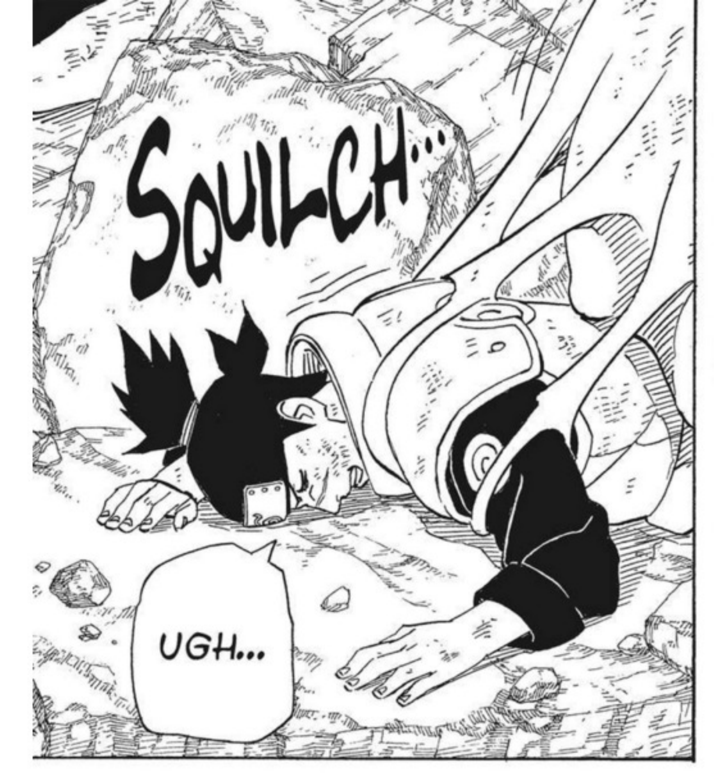

...I SENSE THE SAME ENERGIES AS WHEN WE RODE ATOP JIRAIYA-BOY'S SHOULDERS.








UNH...


SQUILCH...
UGH...

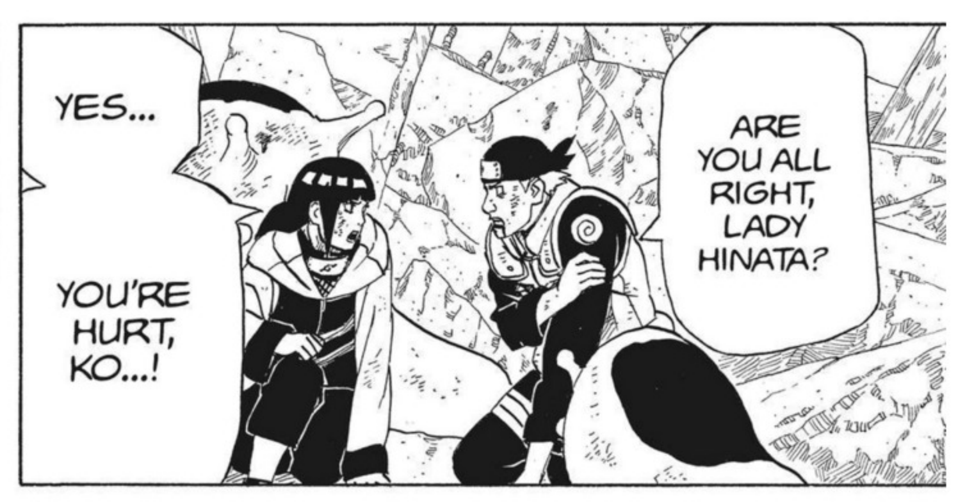

SHUP
SQUICH
YOU ALL RIGHT, IRUKA?!


FORGIVE ME... IT TOOK EVERYTHING... JUST TO HOLD YOU ALL...


WHAT ...?!
...

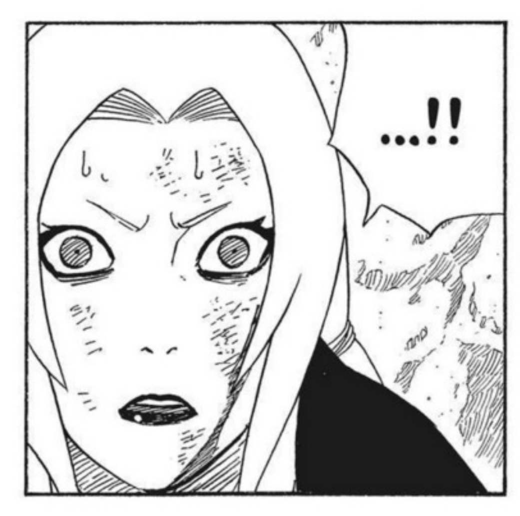

YOU OK, SHIKA-MARU?
MY... LEG'S BROKEN.


COUGH
COUGH

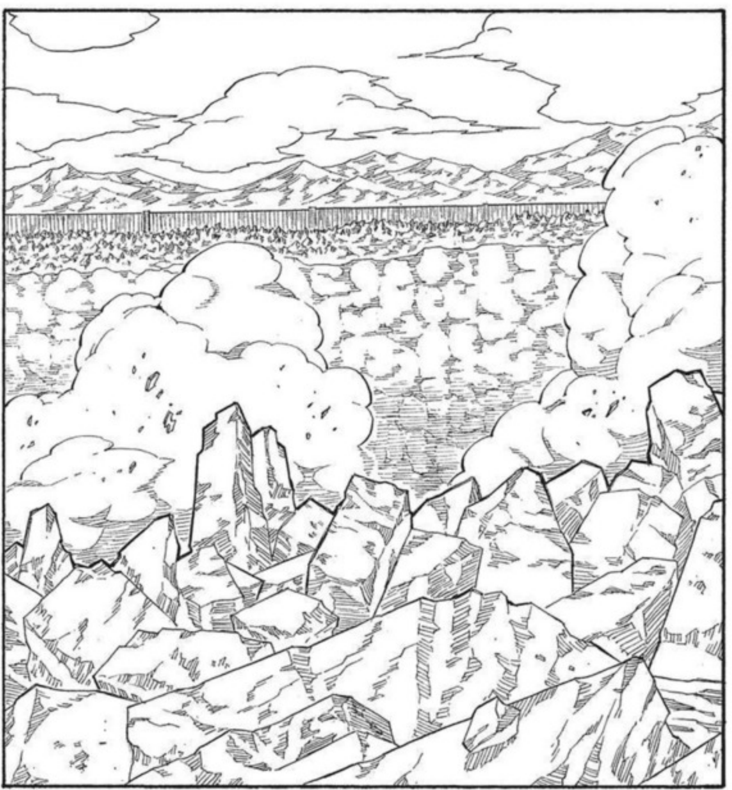

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LADY HINATA?
YES...
YOU'RE HURT, KO...!

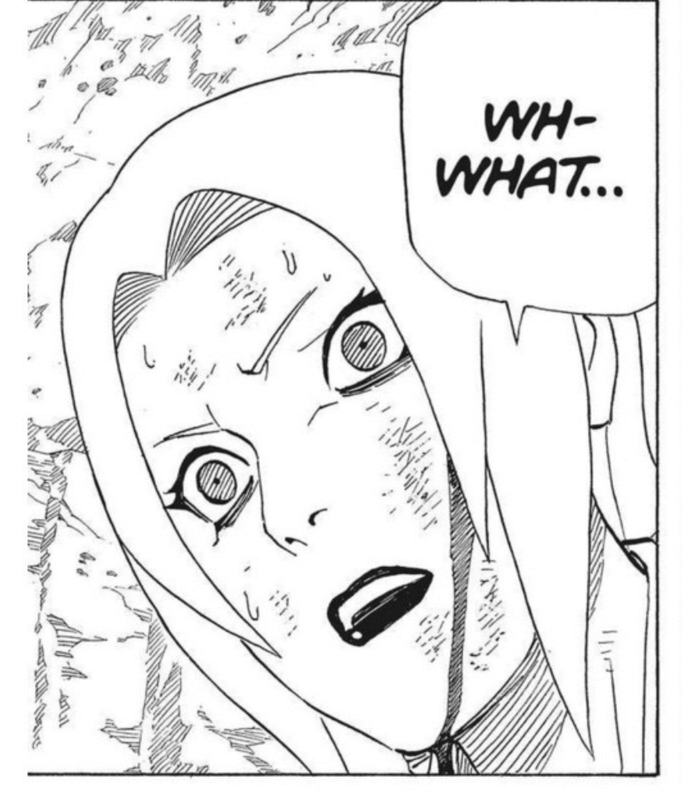
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU DURING LORD HIASHI AND LADY HANABI'S ABSENCE, I WOULD NEVER BE FORGIVEN, LADY HINATA.
DO NOT CONCERN YOUR-SELF WITH ME.

OWWW
...
HOLD ON, KIBA!

THUD

...!!

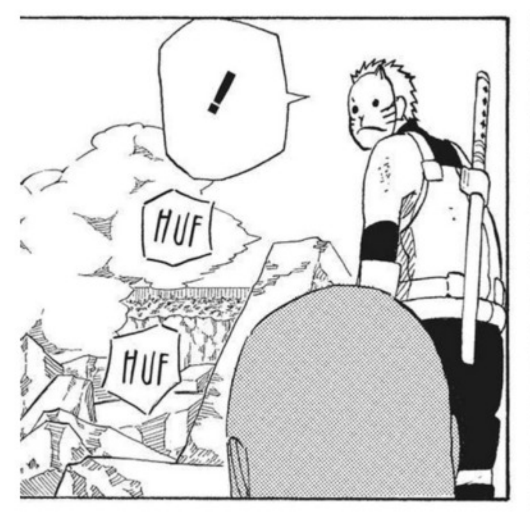

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WH- WHAT...


GNASH

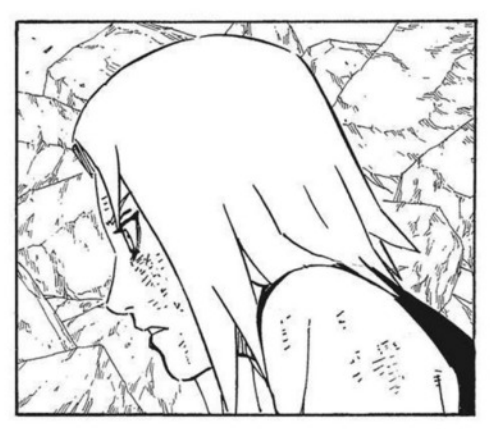
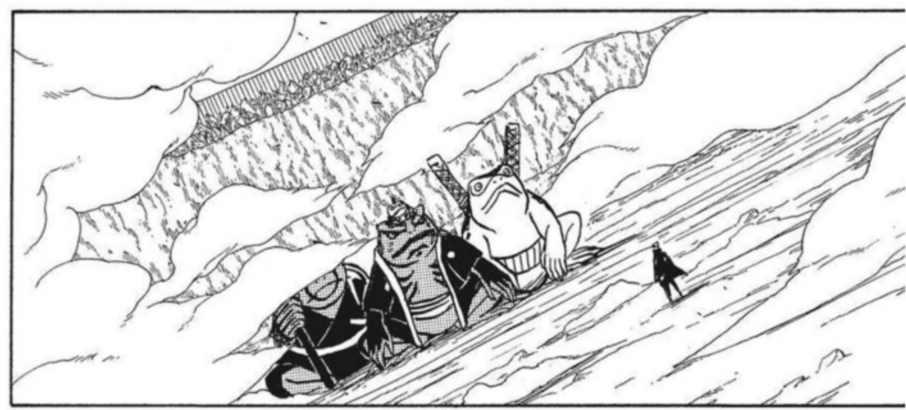
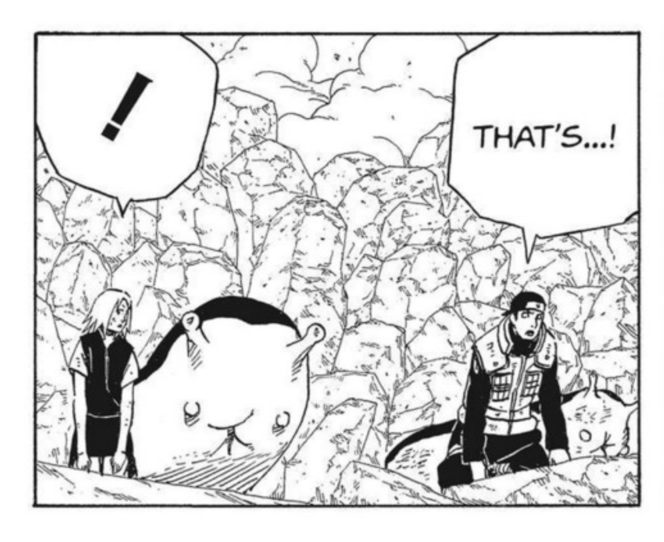
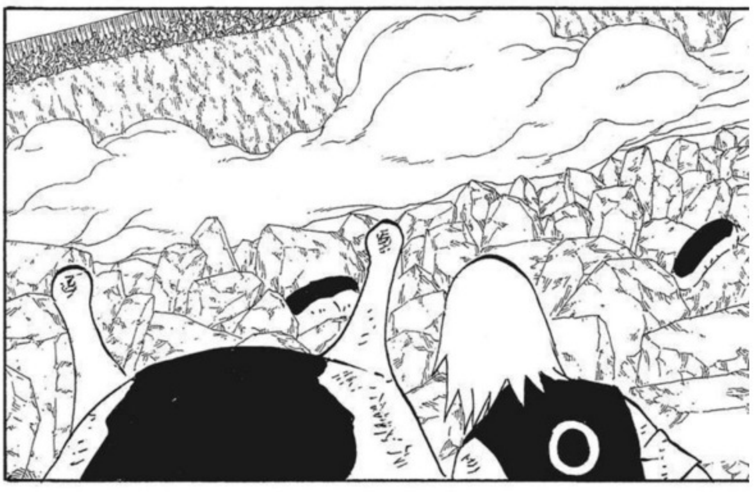

UGH...
UNFOR- GIVABLE ...
UNFOR- GIVABLE, PAIN!


!
HUF
HUF


HER FORE- HEAD MARK IS GONE...


...SHE'S ALREADY RELEASED THE ART OF MITOTIC REGENERATION. SHE ROUTED HER CHAKRA TO KATSUYU ...
...TO PROTECT THE VILLAGERS FROM THIS PAIN'S JUTSU...
...SO NOW SHE'S...

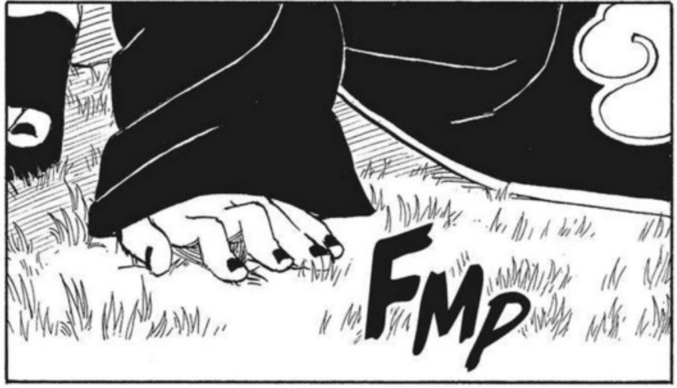

NOW I DON'T HAVE TO HUNT YOU.




THAT'S...!
!


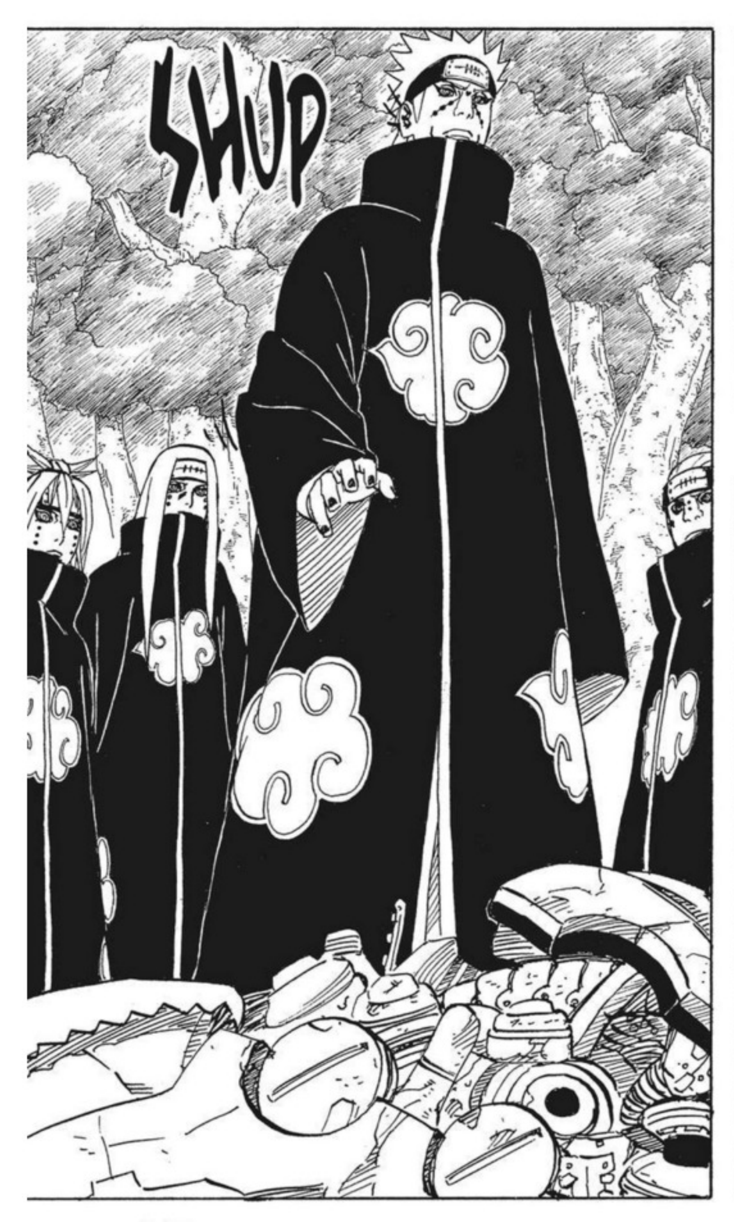

READ
THIS
WAY


...IT'S NARUTO!

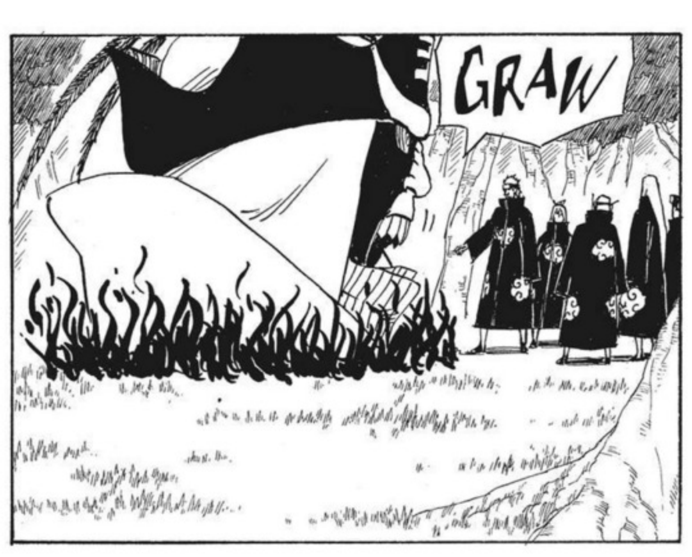

NARUTO ...!

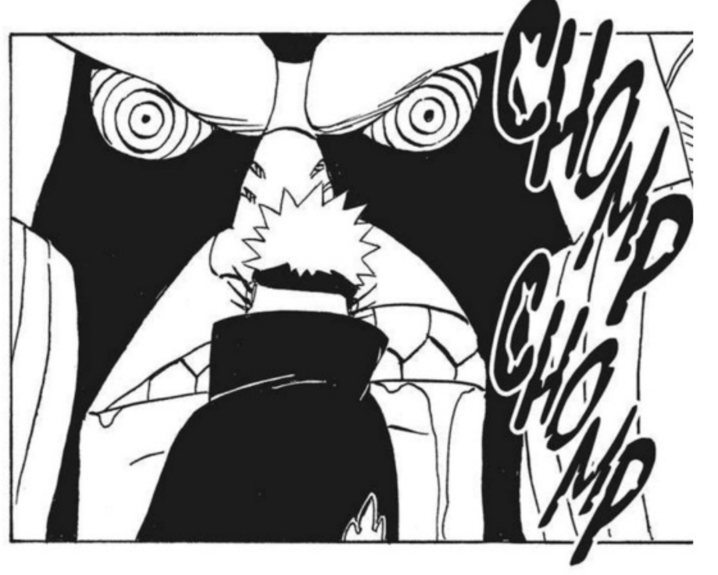

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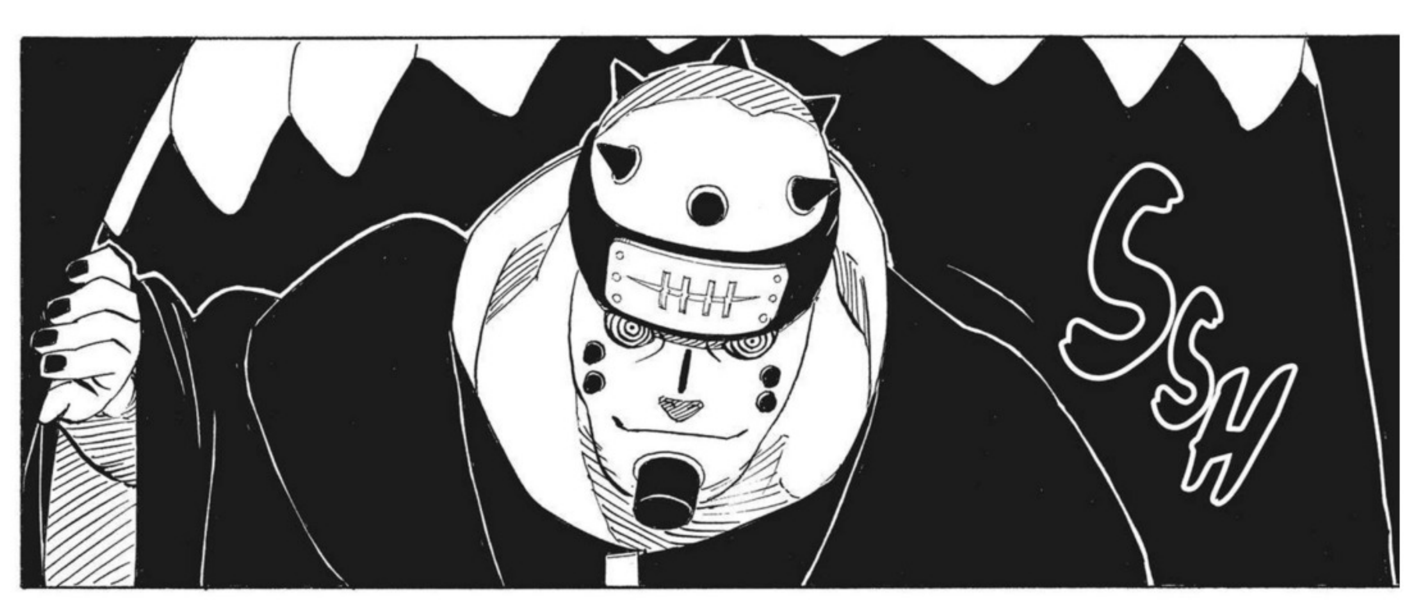

FSH


SHUP

WOOO
CHAK
SWING

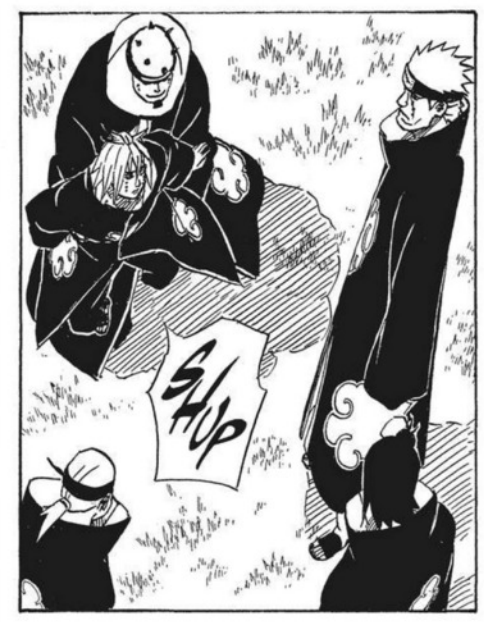

GRAW


CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP


SSH









SHOOOM

WHEN HE FOCUSES ON TENDO, HIS JUTSU OUTPUT IS TREMENDOUS. BUT IT'S RISKY.

THE OTHER FIVE ARE RECOVERING MORE SLOWLY THAN THE LAST TIME.

CRINKLE

CRINKLE

CRINKLE

FROM HERE ON OUT, I'LL LOOK AFTER YOU.

FLUTTER FLUTTER

NO MORE PAPER DOPPELGANGERS.

ART OF SUMMONING!!

BOOF

BOOF

BOOF

BOOF

TH-TH-TH-THOOM











YOU FINALLY COMPRE-HEND PAIN.

...YET... I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU...

THE HOKAGE WILL FINISH YOU NOW!

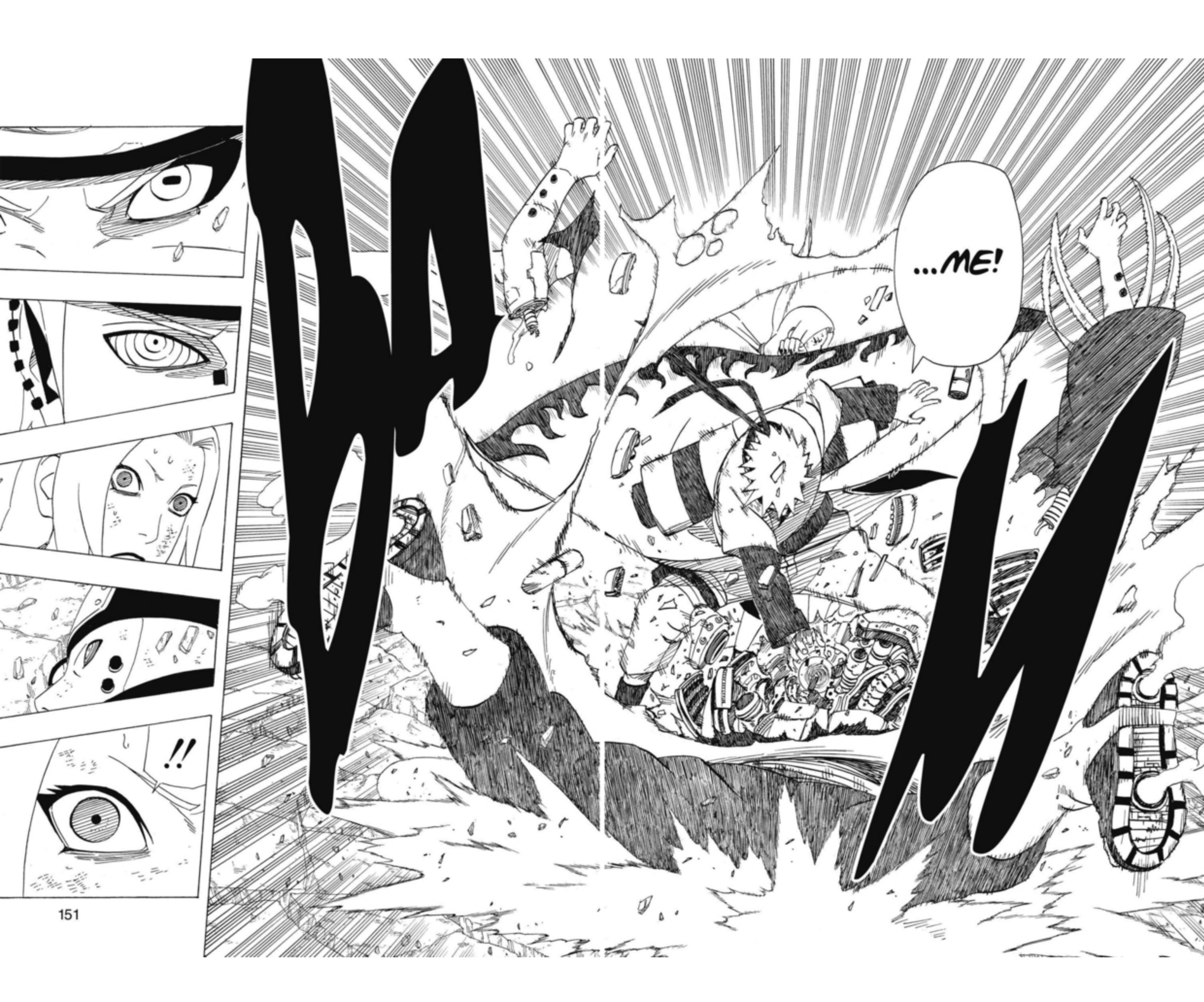
I WILL ***NOT*** FORGIVE YOU!!

...!

KLIK

I SEEK ...

SHOOM


...ME!
!!


THERE'S NO NEED FOR KONOHA'S HOKAGE TO BOTHER HERSELF WITH THE LIKES OF THEM.
YOU JUST SIT BACK AND SIP SOME TEA, GRANNY...
NARUTO ...


WHAT'S GOING ON?! I CAN'T SEE FROM HERE...
IT'S INCREDIBLE... HE TOOK DOWN ONE OF THE PAINS WITH A SINGLE BLOW...

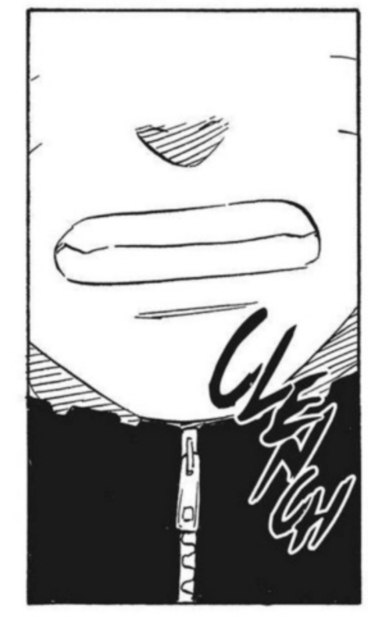

NARUTO... YOU...


GRAMPS... DOESN'T HE REMIND YOU OF THE TWO?









THIS STOPS NOW!!!!!.....


NARUTO

Number 431: Naruto's Magnificent Explosion!!

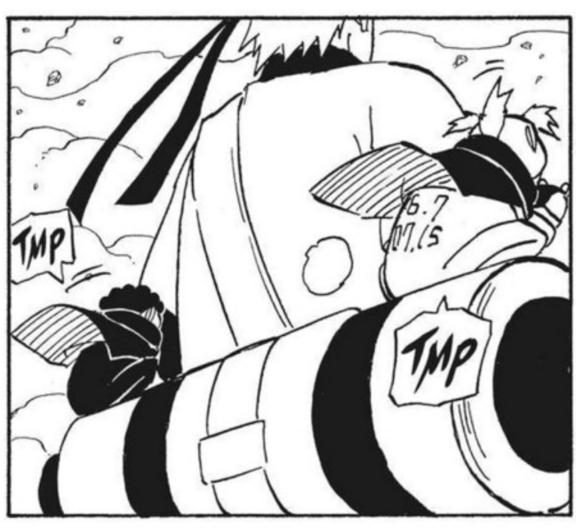
TENDO'S POWER... WON'T BE FULLY RECHARGED FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
...WHICH MEANS...
TAK TAK TAK
TMP
GAMA-KICHI!!!

PHOOM
GET GRANNY TSUNADE TO SAFETY!
!
ROGER!!



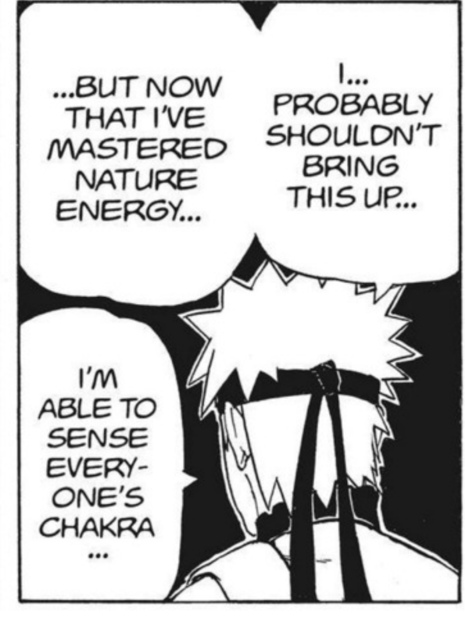









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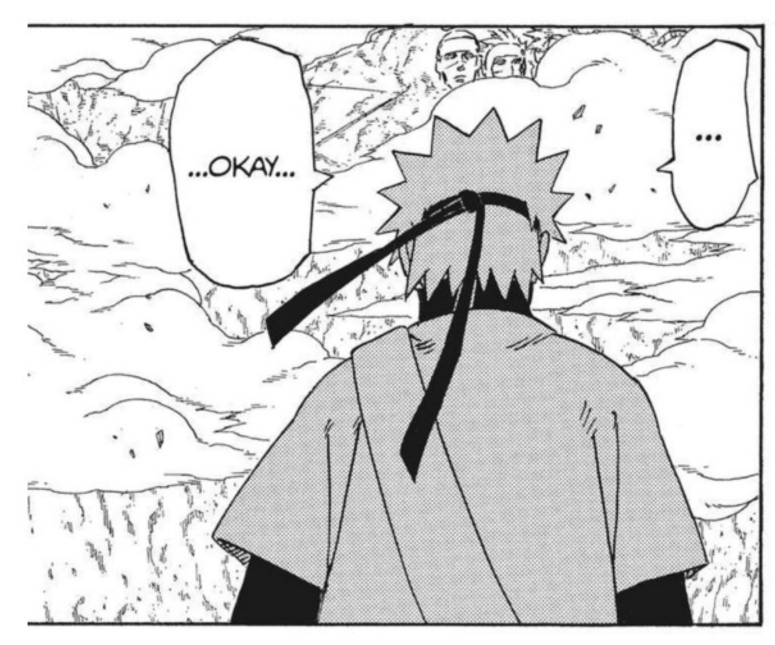

I... PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BRING THIS UP...
...BUT NOW THAT I'VE MASTERED NATURE ENERGY...
I'M ABLE TO SENSE EVERY-ONE'S CHAKRA ...


...

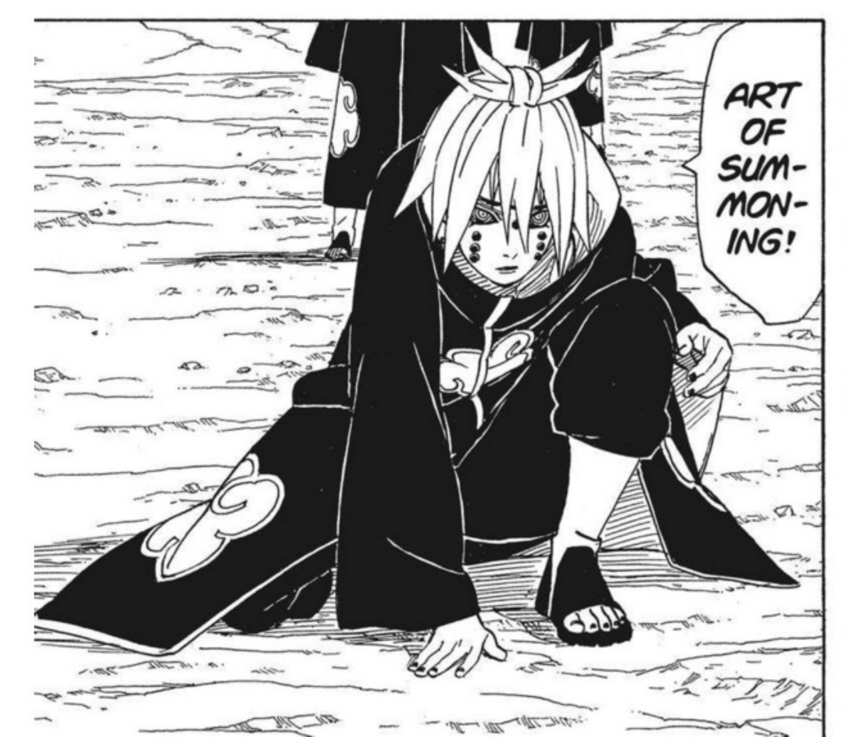

NOD
IS MASTER KAKASHI ON A MISSION AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE?


...

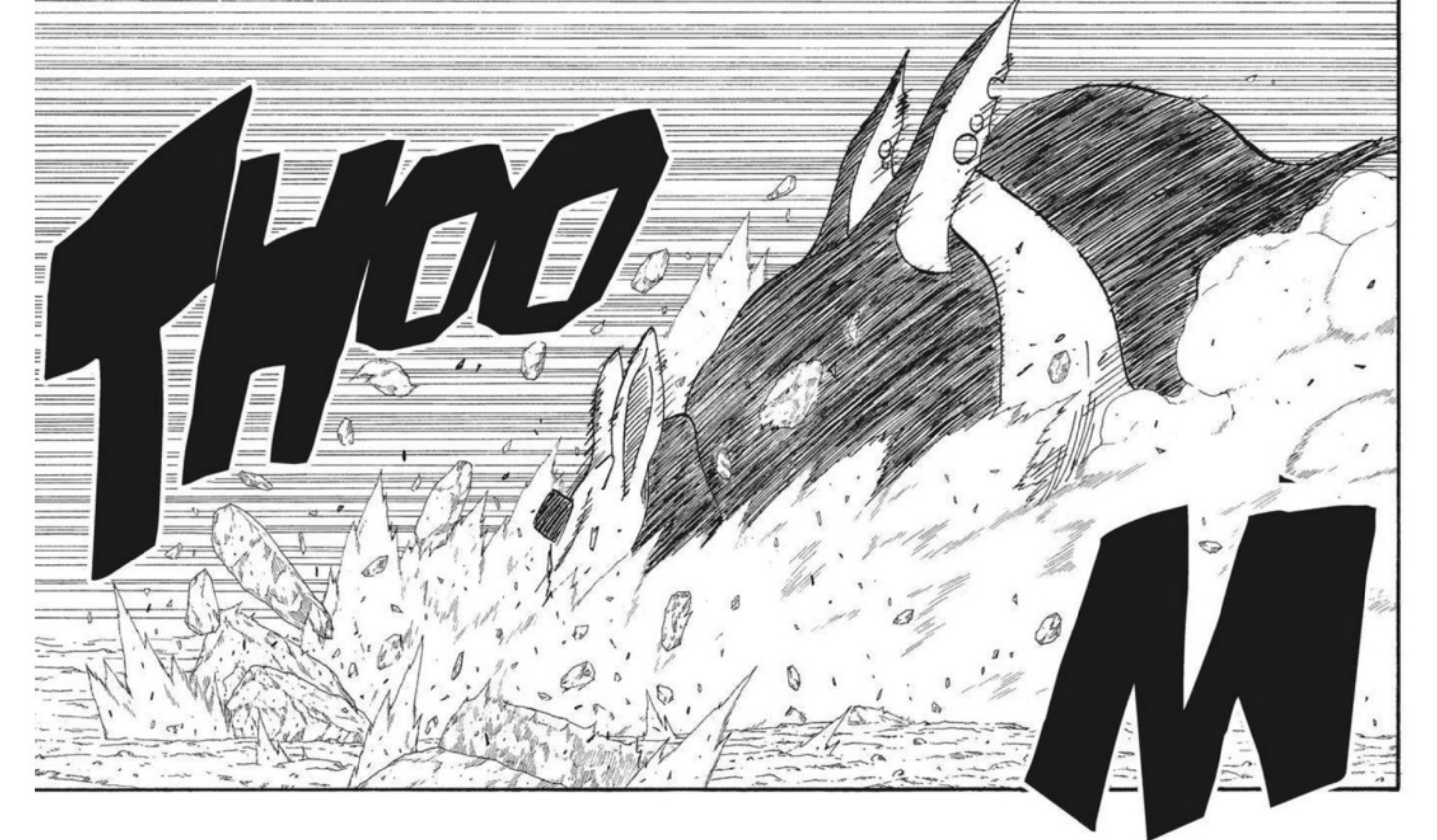

...


...
...OKAY...

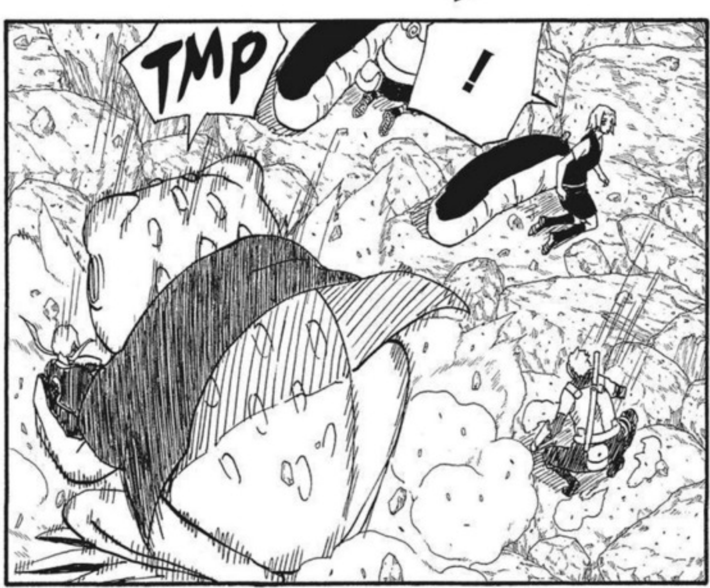

GO, GAMA-KICHI!
TAK


ART OF SUM-MON-ING!


BO
OF
VRR
RR


THOOM


MASTER ...!
...


TMP
!


THANK YOU FOR YOUR LABORS, LADY TSUNADE.
YES, MASTER ...
REACH...
WRINKLE WRINKLE


WRINKLE WRINKLE
HUF
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW...
HUF


SAKURA ...
LADY TSUNADE !!
TAK
FSH...

SHUF

YAAAAH!!!

WHOOSH


READ
THIS
WAY

ART OF SUMMONING!!
WHAM
WHAM
BOOF
FWP

SAGE ART! FROG SONG!!

RIBBBBIT

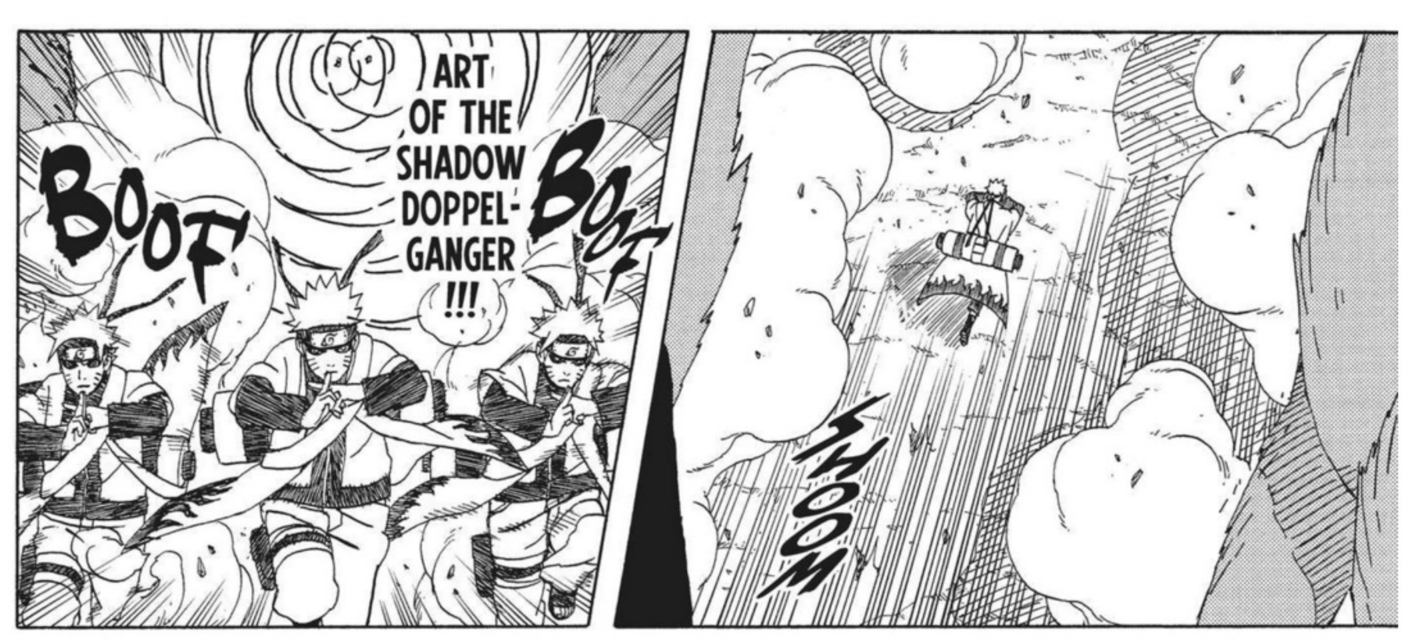
CRACKLE CRACKLE

CRACKLE CRACKLE

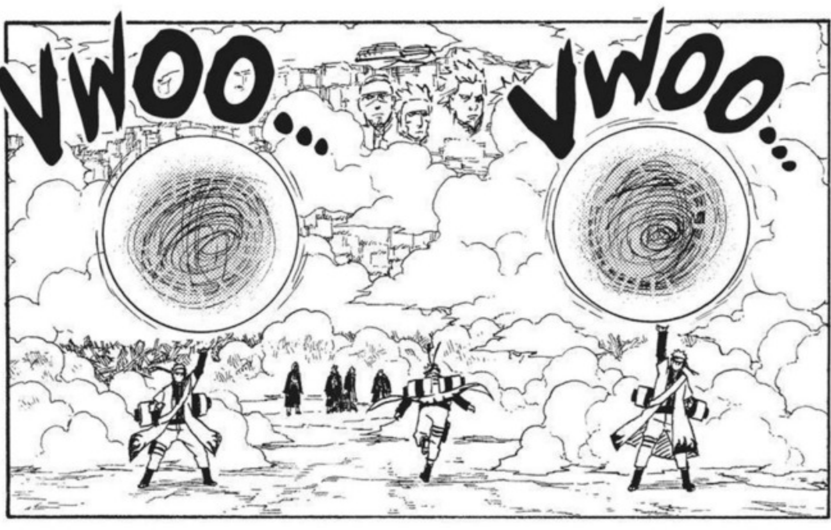
WHUMP

TAK

WHUMP

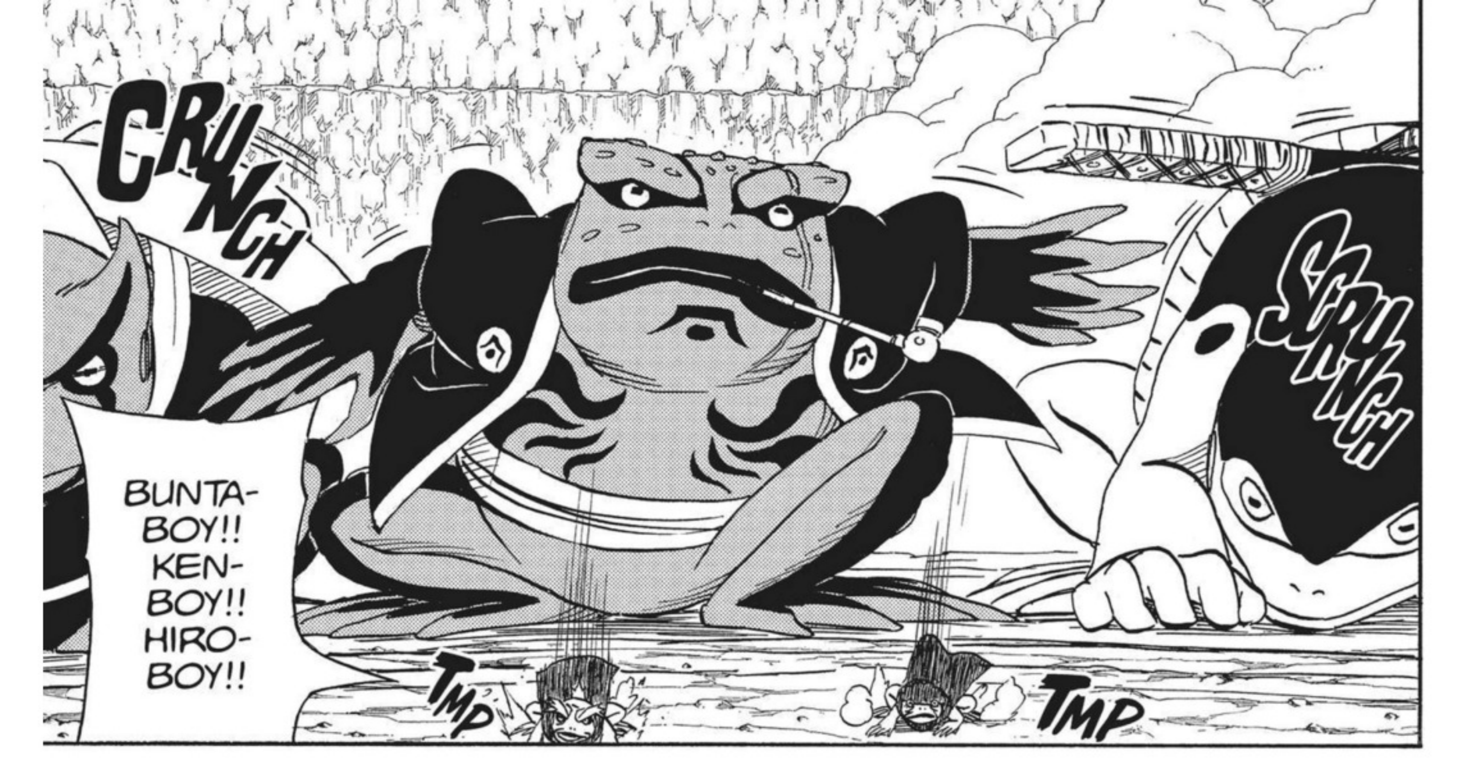


VWP
VWP
KRUNCH
WHIRL
WHIRL






SAGE ART! ODAMA RASEN-GAN!!
BOOF
BOOF


SCRUNCH
CRUNCH
BUNTA-BOY!! KEN-BOY!! HIRO-BOY!!
TMP
TMP

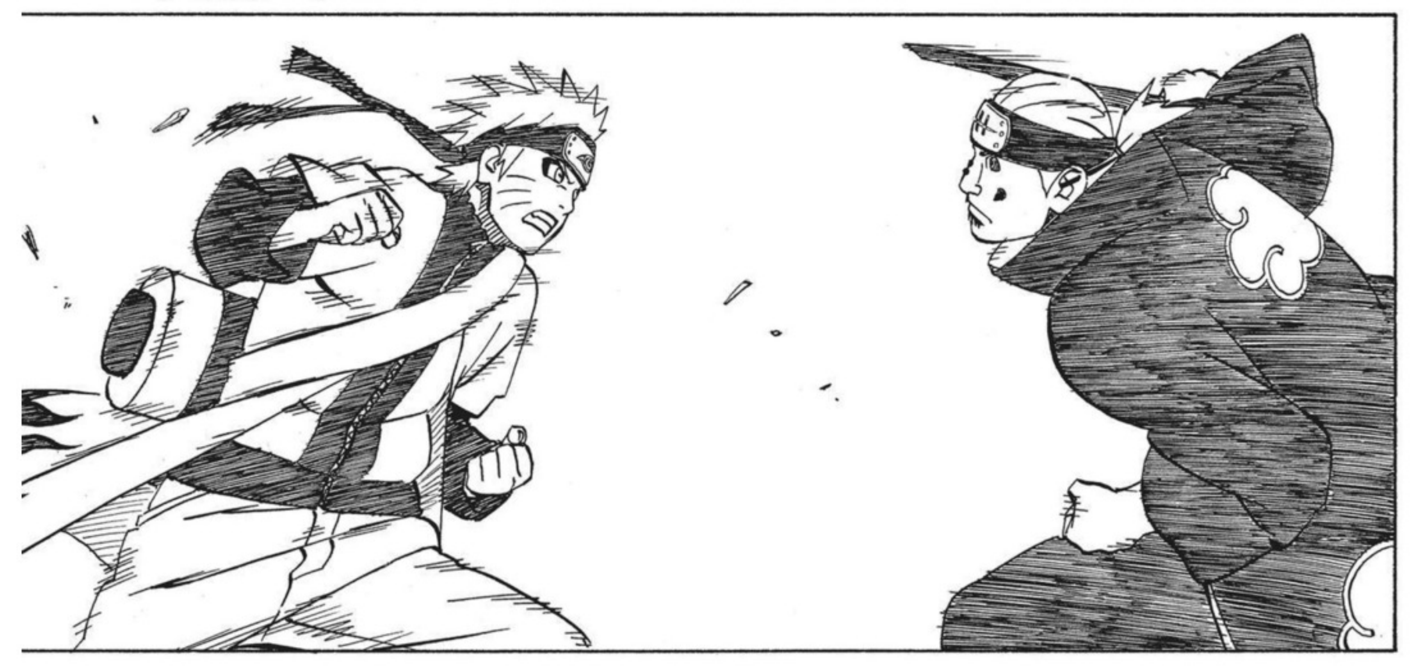

CRUNCH
COMIN' RIGHT UP!!


DAK
DAK
DAK


SHWP
CHAK

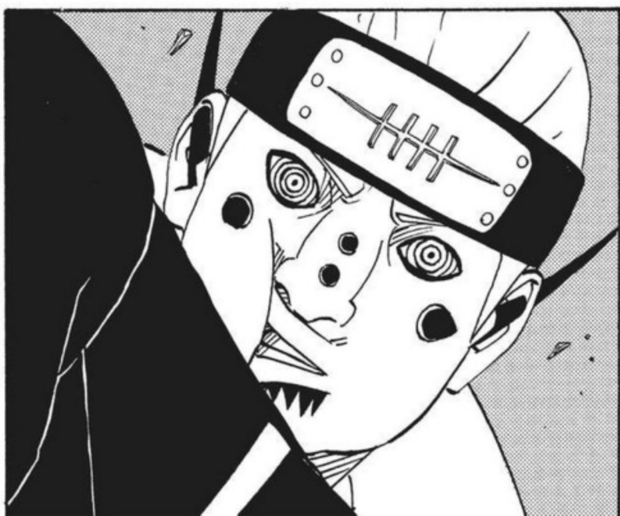

TMP
NARUTO! NINJUTSU DOES NOT WORK AGAINST THE PAIN RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.
HE WILL MERELY ABSORB ALL NINJUTSU-BASED ATTACKS.
SHF
OKAY THEN! KAWAZU KUMITE IT IS!!
SHOOM
SHF...


READ
THIS
WAY



VOOSH

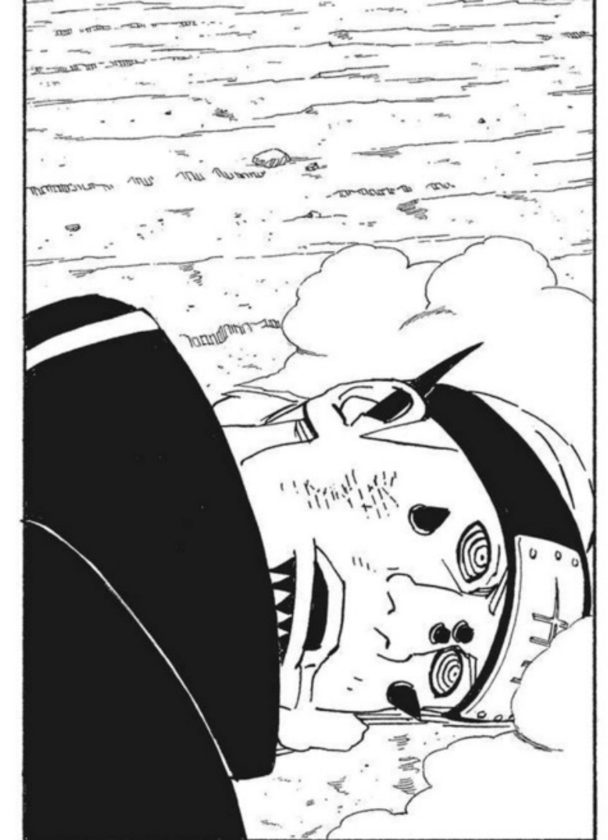


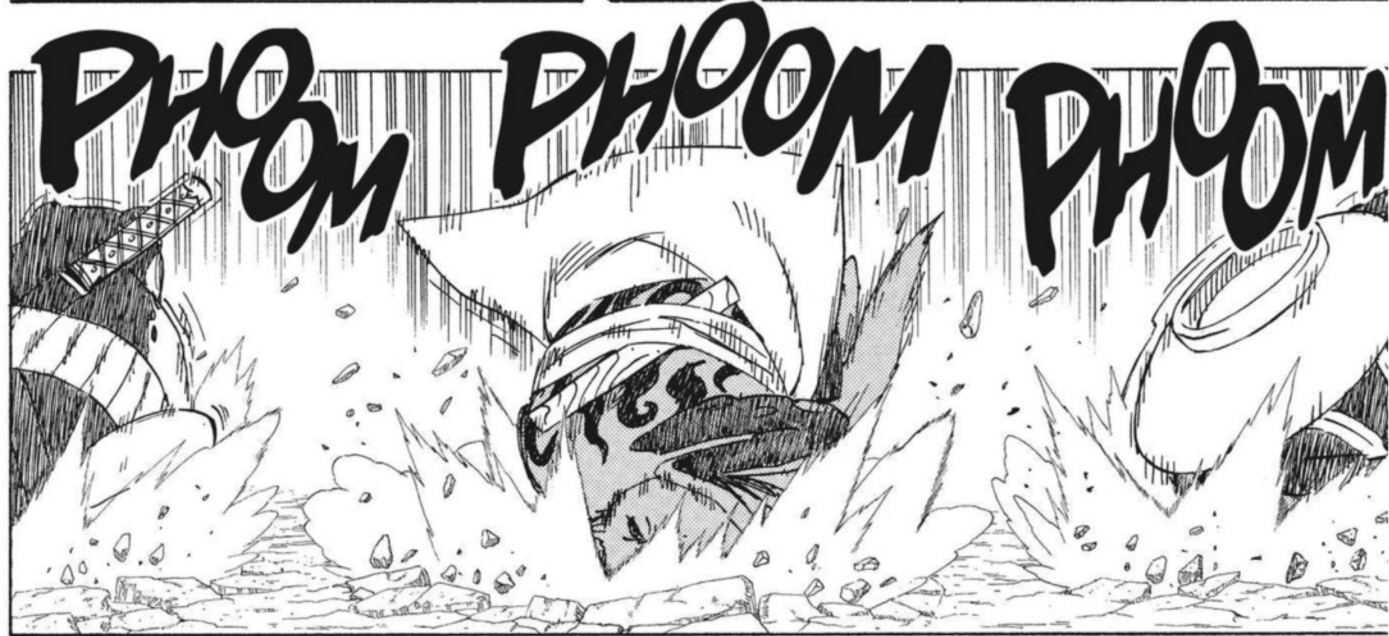



BADA
KOOM
SNIK
YOWWWL!!!


THWACK


BOOF
KLAK
KLAK
BOO



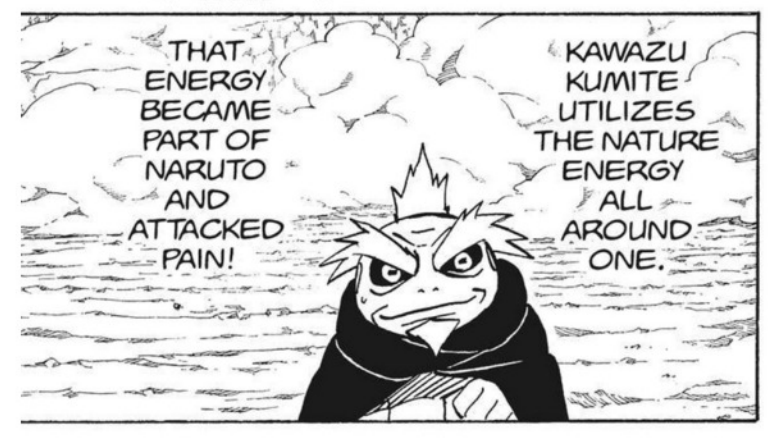

PHOOM
PHOOM
PHOOM


GWAAAA

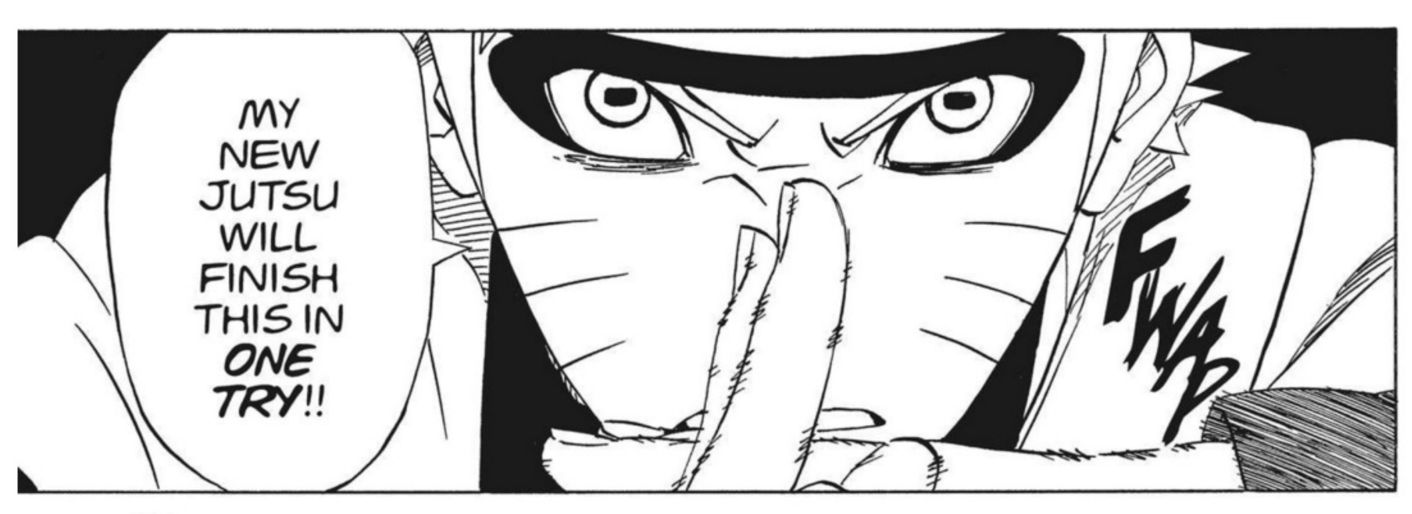

SPLASH
BEHAVE, INSO- LENT PUP!







GOES TO SHOW HOW IN SAGE MODE, BOTH THREAT PERCEPTION AND ATTACK CAPACITY ARE ENHANCED WELL BEYOND THE ORDINARY!!



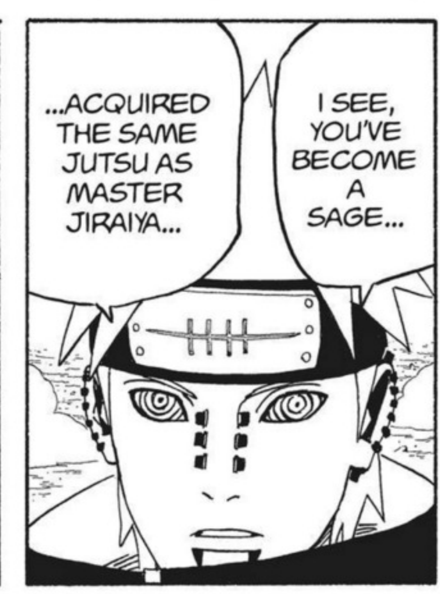

NARUTO

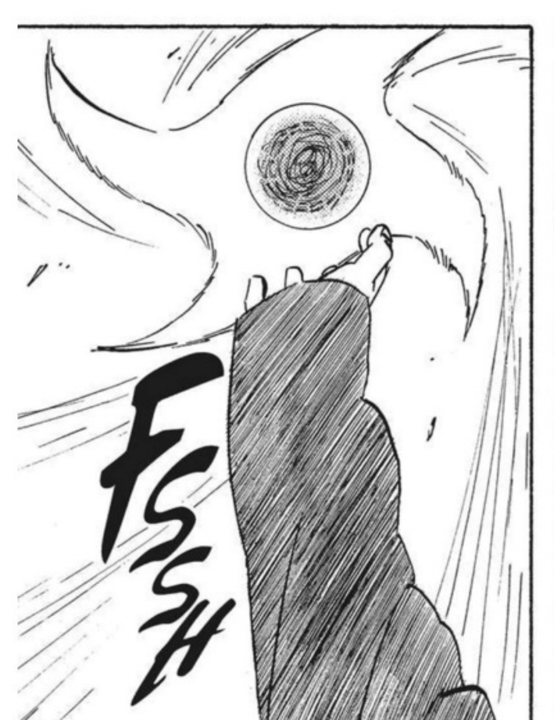
BOOOF
SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS !!
BOOOF

Number 432: Return of the Rasen-Shuriken!!














SHWOOM
SHUT UP!!!
Number 432: Return of the Rasen-Shuriken!!
WHAT PART OF ANY OF THIS...
...



YOU WHO CANNOT SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES ARE JUST NOT ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE TRUE MEANING OF PEACE.

BOOF

BOOF

JUST ALLOW YOUR-SELF TO BE CAP-TURED.

YOUR DEATH SHALL LEAD TO PEACE.

SO MUCH CHAKRA...

YA TAUGHT 'IM THAT, PA?

NAH... FIRST TIME I'M SEEIN' IT TOO.

HE NEVER ONCE POPPED THAT OUT DURIN' TRAININ'... I WONDER WHAT NARUTO-BOY'S PLOTTIN'...?

I SAID...

SUSH



... SHUT UP!!!
VWHOOSH



HE THREW IT!

WHAT ?!

HE CAN HURL SUCH A HIGH-ROTATION VELOCITY, HIGH-DENSITY CHAKRA!

TAK-TAK


SHOOM
FWOP
SHOOM
ZW
OOO
IT EX-
PANDED
!!!
TMP
SLAM
BZ BZ BZ BZ


ZWP ZWP ZWP ZWP ZWP ZWP
BOOF
ART OF SUM-MONING!!
!
BLAM
SHOOM



FWOOMP

BOOM

DEIDARA WAS RIGHT.

YOU DO NOT LISTEN.

!

RUMBLE

WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHO'S FIGHTING ?!!








?!


NARUTO HAS ASKED THAT NO ONE INTER-FERE.
HE'S SO FULL OF HIM-SELF!
THEY DESTROYED OUR VILLAGE!! HE WANTS TO FIGHT THEM ALONE...?
NO...


IF HE'S MASTERED SAGE JUTSU, HE'S IN A CLASS OF HIS OWN NOW.
OUR BEST TEAMWORK IS TO STAY OUT OF HIS WAY AND NOT BE A DRAG ON HIM.
YOU NEED TO BE PATIENT HERE, SHIKAMARU.


YOU CAN'T BE SERI-OUS...


GRRROWR!!


ZWOP
?!
!
ZWOP
!

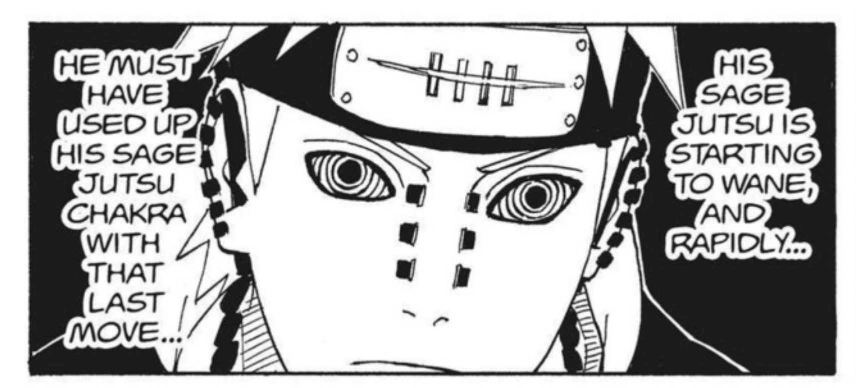
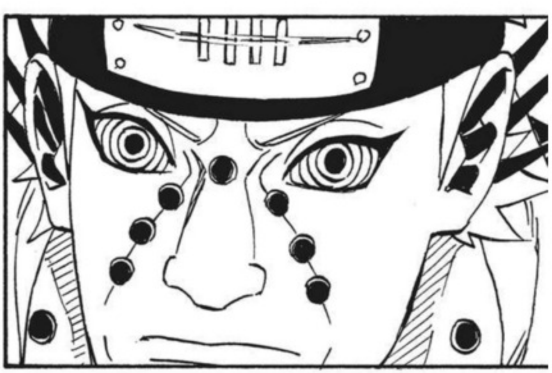

THOOM
WHOA!




WHA?! THEM AG'IN?!
BANG


SHOMP
ARGH!

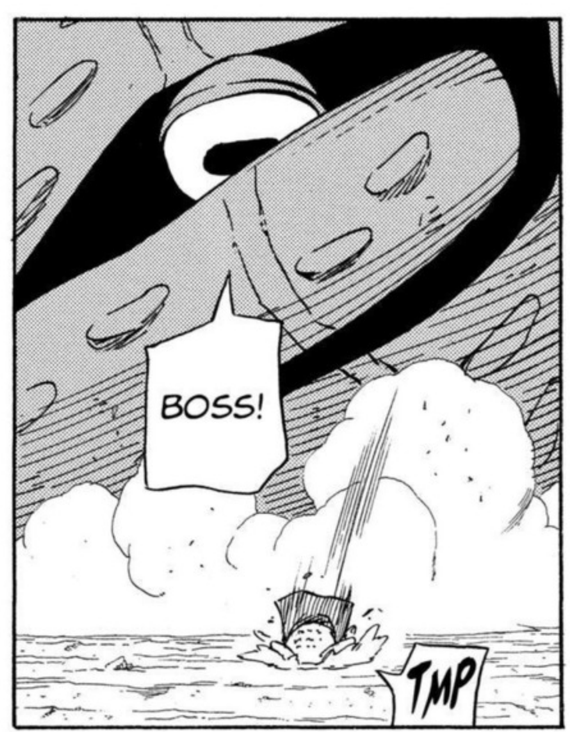

THOOM
SHOOM

MA, YA KNOW WHAT TO DO, NO?!!
WE'S GOTTA BREAK THE RINNEGAN LINK!
GOTCHA, PA!!

HIS SAGE JUTSU IS STARTING TO WANE, AND RAPIDLY...
HE MUST HAVE USED UP HIS SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA WITH THAT LAST MOVE...


TMP
OH NO... SAGE MODE'S GONNA RUN OUT!
I HAVE TO STOP AT LEAST THIS ONE, BEFORE...!

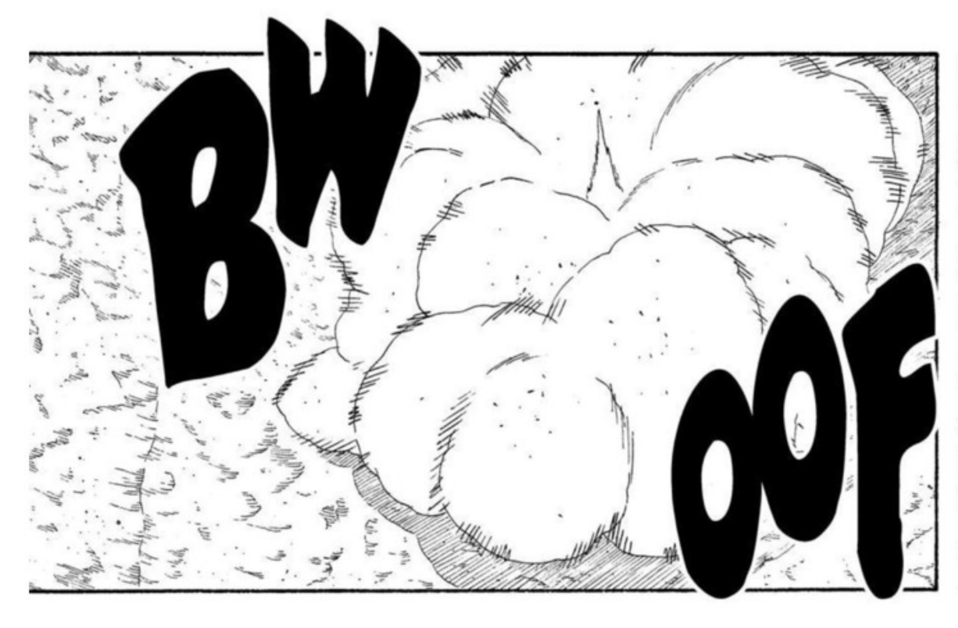


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BOSS!
TMP

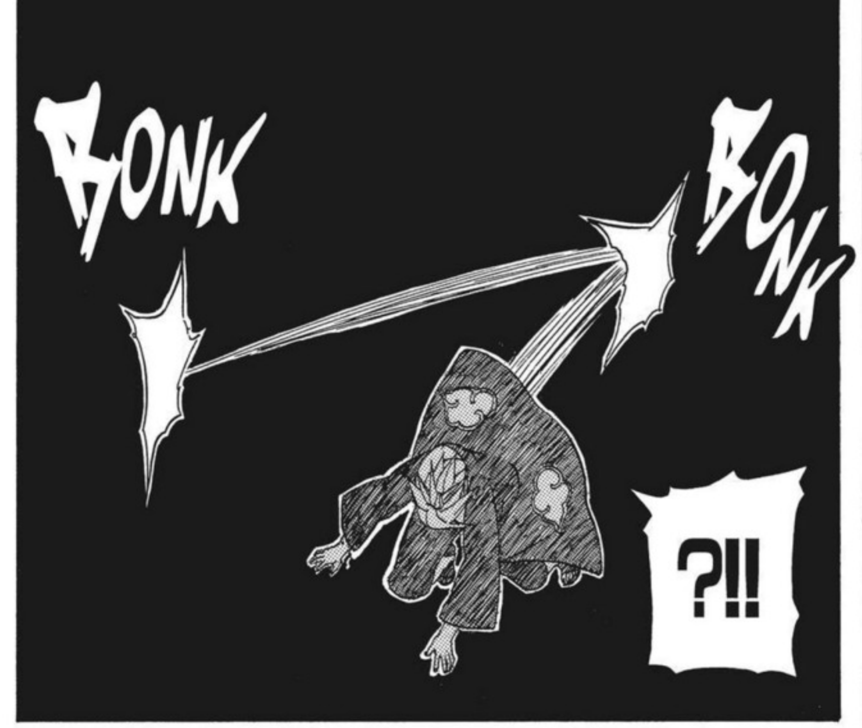

LISTEN UP! I'M GONNA HURL YA AT NARUTO, BUNTA-BOY!
HERE'S THE PLAN, SO LISTEN CLOSELY!


SAGE ART! WIND STYLE!! SAND DUST!!!
WOOOOSH

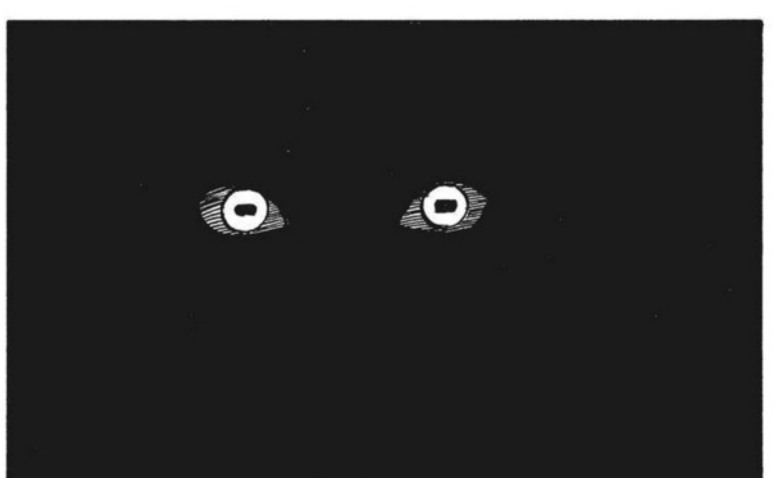

BWOOF

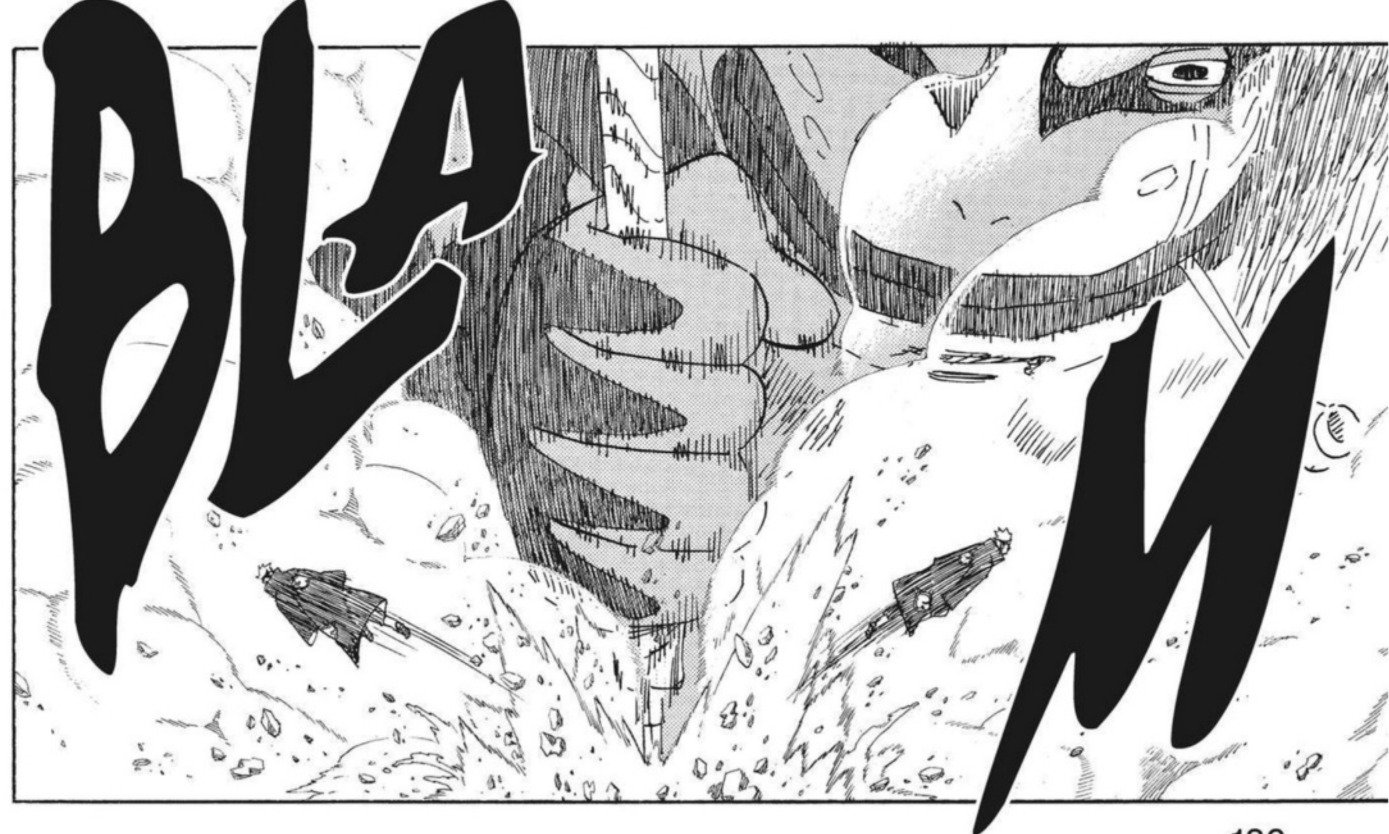



?!


BONK
BONK
?!!

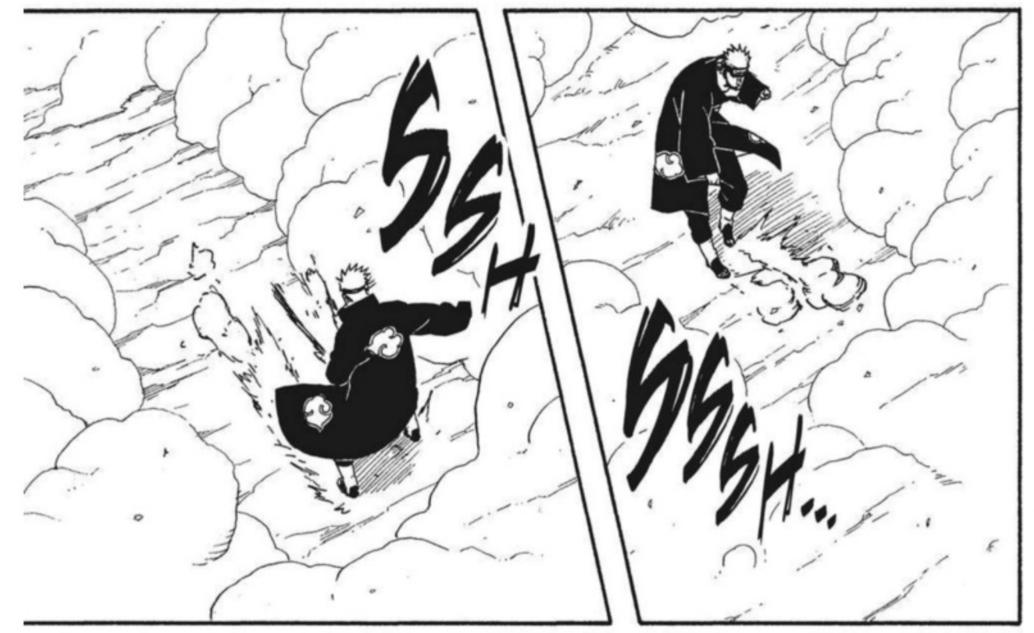

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BLAM

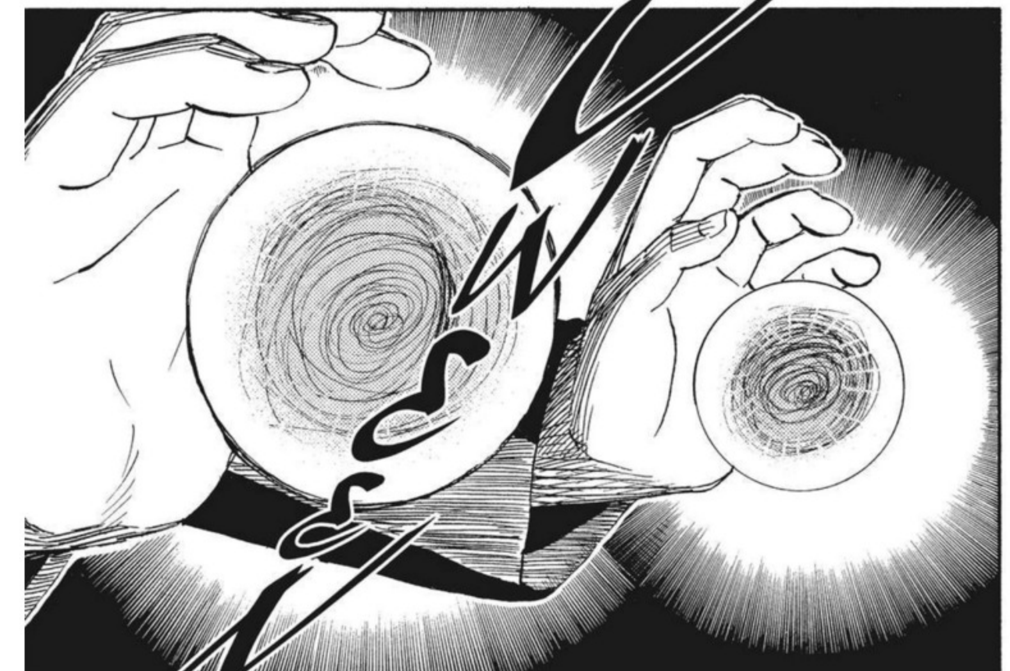

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HUF
HUF


SSSH...
SSH



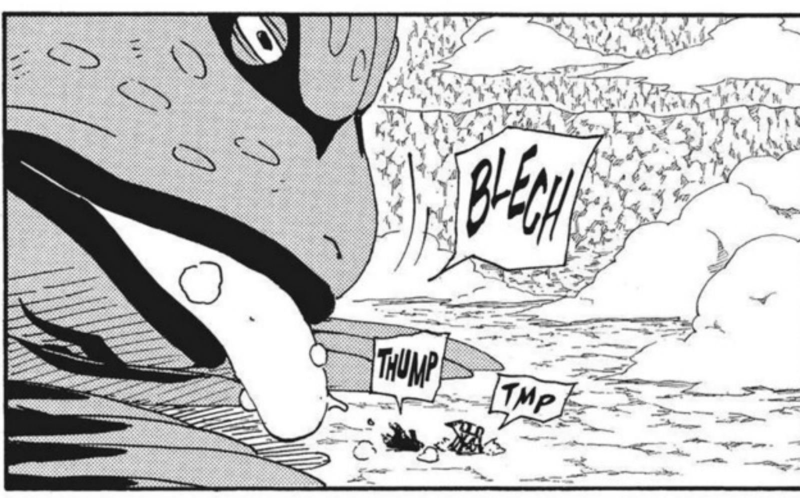

WHERE ARE THEY?




RASEN-
RENGAN! RASEN-
GAN BARRAGE !!
IN HIS MOUTH ...!!
!
POOF













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